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Gonna wash that mud right outta my town

## Russian River recovers from flood

by Lois Pearlman

They kept the soup pot steaming and the java jumping at the Coffee Bazaar, even as muddy water rushed into low-lying homes and businesses and threatened to inundate the center of town.

A popular cafe that occupies a high spot in downtown Guerneville, the Coffee Bazaar became an impromptu community center last week for Russian River residents who were cut off from the rest of the world by flood waters.

Coffee Bazaar owner Bob Young said he was determined to keep his business open come what may, so that residents who were able to venture into town during the three-day flood could find some companionship and a cup of something warm.

"I kind of felt it was our duty," said Young. "The town needed some emotional support."

Young dashed into Santa Rosa when county officials first began issuing flood warnings earlier in the week, and loaded up his Bronco with all the provisions he could carry. He was also prepared with a

generator and a barbecue in case of an electrical outage, but power remained on through most of the week-long storms.

Along with two employees, Ann Ogilvie and Richard May, Young worked 14-hour days until flood waters receded Saturday, even spending New Year's Eve on an air mattress in his office so he could start the generator the next

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Photo by Ron Lazar



Rowin' on the river: The Willows, a favorite gay resort, looks out on a watery expanse, and two canoeists maneuver their way around downtown Guerneville, where Main Street becomes River Road.

## Floods hit the Castro, too

by Dennis Conkin

A two-hour power outage on Thursday, January 2 affected an estimated 4,700 electrical customers in the Castro and Twin Peaks districts, according to Pacific Gas and Electric Company spokeswoman Jeanette Valentine.

The outage, caused by storm damaged

equipment, lasted from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Most customers had power restored to their homes restored within an hour and a half. Castro Street businesses were not impacted by the outage.

About 250,000 customers around the Bay Area suffered power losses due to the recent storm, Valentine said. North Coast communities were especially heavily affected. ▶

## Dalai Lama's 'inappropriate' gay comments create discord in SF

by Dennis Conkin

An openly gay San Francisco Buddhist leader has called on the Dalai Lama, the world-revered spiritual teacher of millions of Buddhists, to publicly clarify his recent contradictory statements about homosexuality.

The 1987 Nobel Laureate and exiled Tibetan Buddhist political and religious figure will be in San Francisco in June to attend "Peacemaking: The Power of Non-Violence," a three-day conference at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium sponsored by the Tibet House.

Co-sponsored by the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS), the conference will include speakers such as Nobel Laureate and Guatemalan human rights activist Rigoberto Menchu and author Alice Walker, and will draw more than 1,500 social advocates, inner city youth, religious contemplatives, and others for plenary sessions, dialogue, and violence prevention skills development workshops.

In a 1994 *Out Magazine* interview with

openly gay Buddhist writer Scott Hunt, the Dalai Lama said that "...if two males or two females voluntarily agree to have mutual satisfaction without further implication of harming others, then it is okay."

But in two recently published books, including *Beyond Dogma* (North Atlantic Press, Berkeley, 1996), the religious leader seems to indicate that sexual relations between two men or two women is considered sexual misconduct.

After prefacing his remarks to say that Buddhists considered "organs, time, and place" when describing sexual misconduct, the Dalai Lama went on to define "inappropriate parts" of the body during sexual relations.

"The inappropriate parts of the body are the mouth and the anus, and sexual intercourse involving those parts of the body, whether with a man or woman, is considered sexual misconduct. Masturbation as well."

After giving other examples of sexual misconduct, the Dalai Lama went on to say that homosexual sexual orientation "is not

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*\$candal behind them, coronation ahead:*

# Good times and bum times for Imperial Court

by Dennis Conkin

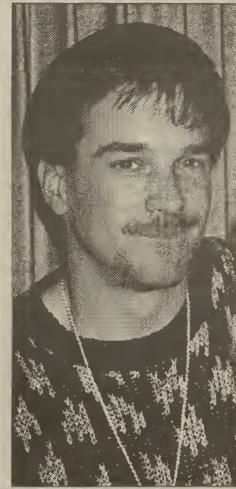
**T**he gala presentation of candidates for the offices of the Empress and Emperor of San Francisco will be held in the Emerald Ballroom at the Holiday Inn Golden Gate this Saturday, January 11.

The event includes a salute to Steve Valone, the reigning Emperor, and outgoing Empress Cockatilia - as well as entertainment and five-, 15-, and 25-year empress and emperor presentations. Appearing at the annual function will be candidates Veronda Lanai, Crimson, and Valentine. Emperor candidates are Jock Michaels, Paul, and John.

In addition to the presentation of candidates at the Holiday Inn gala, candidates will appear on January 11 at 1 p.m. at Daddy's Bar at 440 Castro Street; January 29 at 8 p.m. at Marlene's Bar, located at Hayes and Octavia; and on February 8 at 8 p.m. at the SF Eagle at 13th and Harrison Street.

Public voting for the candidates will take place on February 15, with the regal coronation scheduled for February 22 at the Gift Center.

The annual drag gala is presented by the Imperial Council of San Francisco, a member of the 30-year-old international court system with more than 60 chapters in the USA, Canada, and Mexico.



The late Chuck Adkins.

According to a statement issued on January 6 by co-chairs of the 1996 Imperial Council Matthew Brown and Kirk Reeves about the "regrettable series of circumstances," Adkins "suffered from the debilitating symptoms of AIDS and in the last months of his life made some serious mistakes and errors of judgment which affected the financial activity of the Council."

The statement had been prepared last August, but its release was delayed until this week by a vote of the group's board of directors, according to Reeves.

Although no police report about the alleged embezzlement was filed, Wells Fargo Bank offered a partial cash settlement of the loss. However, the Imperial Court has determined the amount is not acceptable, Reeves said, and the group is considering legal action against the business Adkins used to fraudulently funnel the funds.

According to Reeves, "New checks and balances are in place to prevent similar events from occurring," and the alleged embezzlement was "discovered quickly and promptly corrected." ▼

**Tickets for the January 11 event are \$10 and \$15. Doors open at 6 p.m. For more information, contact the San Francisco Imperial Council at (415) 694-1942.**

# Leal to serve on gay caucus of National League of Cities

by Cynthia Laird

**S**upervisor Susan Leal has been elected to the board of directors of the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Local Officials Caucus of the National League of Cities association. Leal's election in December, at the 1996 Congress of Cities in San Antonio, makes her the first official from San Francisco, or from the Latino/Latina community, on the board.

The National League of Cities (NLC) is a large organization that works with and supports the efforts of cities in the areas of municipal finance, economic vitality, environmental issues, civil rights,

and other issues that affect America's cities. NLC is comprised of local government officials from around the country.

"I am proud to be elected to this board," Leal said. "During my two-year term, I plan to focus on support for local HIV/AIDS services, especially support for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), and on national anti-discrimination legislation such as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

"As a person of color and as a representative of San Francisco, I hope to share our successes as well as our concerns and help to push equal rights for gays and lesbians into the mainstream of political discourse in cities all across our

nation," she added. Over the years, NLC has established caucuses for various groups, including women, African-Americans, Hispanics, and Asian-American members. After some initial contention, NLC officially recognized the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Local Officials Caucus in 1993.

Joining Leal on the caucus board are Tom Duane, New York City council member; John Heilmann, West Hollywood city council member; Craig McDaniel, Dallas city council member; Tim Mains, Rochester, New York city council member; and Barbara Kavanaugh, Buffalo, New York city council member. ▼

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# Latina lesbian appointed to Sunshine Task Force

*Chair is pleased with increased diversity*

by Cynthia Laird

**S**an Francisco's Sunshine Task Force got brighter when the Board of Supervisors appointed openly Latina lesbian Nancy Sutley at their Monday, January 6 meeting. Sutley joins chair Byron McQuarters as the second gay person on the task force.

The group monitors adherence to the city's Sunshine Ordinance, the local version of California's Ralph M. Brown Act, the state's open meeting law. There are 11 voting members, two non-voting members, and a deputy city attorney assigned to the task force.

"I'm just pleased that we've added more diversity to the Sunshine Task Force. I'm always pleased with that," McQuarters told the B.A.R. "There's more color and more rainbow. I've heard lots of good things about Ms. Sutley."

Sutley said she is happy to have been appointed to the task force.

"I'm looking forward to it, and to providing service to the community and representing this community on the task force," Sutley told the B.A.R.

The Sunshine Ordinance was approved by the board of supervisors in 1993 to add further openness to city government. It assures that meetings and deliberations of city boards and commissions are conducted in full view of



Nancy Sutley: "I'm looking forward to...representing this community on the task force."

the public. Former Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg was one of the primary proponents of the ordinance, which was completed by former Supervisor Kevin Shelley.

McQuarters said that before Sutley's appointment, he was the only gay member and there was only one Latino person on the task force. McQuarters is the only African-American on the body.

#### Baby got background

Sutley is a senior policy advisor to the regional administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) region nine in San Francisco. She advises the regional administrator on policy and programmatic issues, including strategies to im-

prove outreach to a variety of governmental and non-governmental audiences.

From 1993 to 1995, Sutley was the special assistant to EPA Administrator Carol Browner in Washington D.C. She was a program and policy advisor to Browner on air pollution programs.

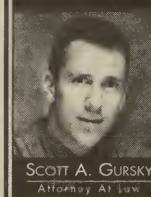
Before joining the EPA, Sutley worked for four years as policy director at the National Independent Energy Producers. The Washington D.C.-based trade association represents cogenerators and independent power producers on various legislative, regulatory, and policy issues.

She also served as an energy policy advisor at the Keystone Center and as an economist for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Sutley received her bachelor's degree in government from Cornell University in 1984 and her master's of public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1986. ▼

**The task force meets the third Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. at 1660 Mission Street, conference room 2001. To file a complaint, call (415) 554-6075.**

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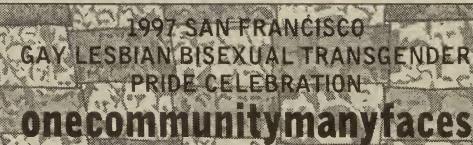


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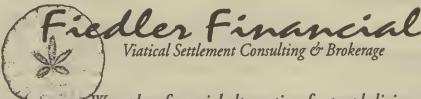
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# Judge orders CBC reopening

by Liz Highleyman

**S**an Francisco's newest medical marijuana buyer's club, CHAMP — Cannabis Helping Alleviate Medical Problems — held its grand opening celebration on Tuesday, January 7. The party, held at the club's headquarters at 194 Church Street, featured food, music, and dancing, and filled the space to capacity.

One of the city's oldest medical marijuana operations, the Cannabis Buyers Club (CBC), also received good news Wednesday, January 8, when Superior Court Judge David Garcia ruled the club should be allowed to reopen. CBC founder Dennis Peron was ecstatic, promptly announcing the CBC will open starting Wednesday, January 15.

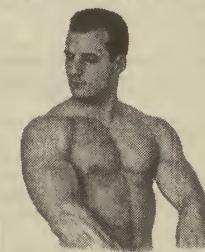
The headquarters of the CBC and the homes of several club members were raided by state drug enforcement authorities on August 4, 1996. Since that time, the club has been out of operation due to a court order that prohibited the CBC and its staff from selling marijuana.

At a hearing last October, Garcia indicated that if the medical marijuana initiative Proposition 215 were approved by voters, he might modify his injunction, which is what happened Wednesday.

Garcia stated in his ruling that the defendants will be permitted to "possess and cultivate medicinal marijuana for personal medical purposes of patients who have designated defendant as their primary caregiver upon the written or oral approval of patient's doctor."

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## Catholics want domestic benefits exclusion

by Cynthia Laird

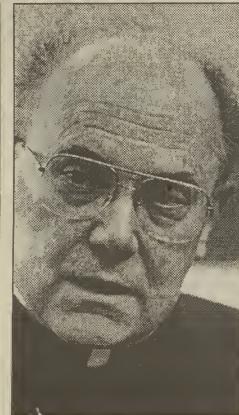
The Archbishop of San Francisco has asked Mayor Willie Brown to support a "simple, straightforward" amendment to the city's new domestic partner benefits law that would exempt religious organizations from compliance, but the request does not appear to have support from members of the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Tom Ammiano, in particular, is critical of the move made partially on behalf of Catholic Charities, which has contracts with the city.

The city's new domestic partner law, which goes into effect June 1, will require businesses and agencies that contract with the city to offer benefits to domestic partners of employees if the benefits are offered to spouses. All contractors that hold or seek city contracts are covered by the new law.

In his December 20 letter to Brown, the Most Reverend William J. Levada, archbishop of San Francisco, asked for the amendment so that religiously-affiliated organizations such as Catholic Charities, which provides services to people with HIV/AIDS, and CYO-Youth Activities could "maintain their operations [including employee benefit plans] in a manner that is consistent with their religious principles."

Levada proposed the exemption from the domestic partner provision for a "church or religiously-affiliated organization and where the provision would require the contractor to adopt policies which would be contrary to the church or organization's religious and ethical tenets."

P.J. Johnston, Brown's spokesperson, said the mayor "signed and supports the legislation." He added Brown has made



Archbishop William Levada.

no official response regarding Levada's letter.

Levada wrote that the Archdiocese of San Francisco is "grateful for the cordial relationship that has existed between the city and such religiously-affiliated public benefit corporations as Catholic Charities and CYO-Youth Activities of the Archdiocese." He went on to state that it is an important role which the Catholic Church in particular, and religious organizations in general, have regarding cooperating with public authorities to serve human needs and the common good.

The archbishop also believes the city's new ordinance is preempted by federal statute. A substantial amount of the city's contracts with religiously-affiliated organizations have their origin in federal and state grants, which do not include any domestic partner requirements, Levada stated.

"There is no compelling state interest to impose such requirements on religiously-affiliated

contractors, and it may well be beyond the government's power to ask an organization to contractually waive rights conferred by the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, the first and fourteenth amendments to the Federal Constitution, and State Constitutional provisions," Levada wrote.

Levada also wrote that if a situation arises where "a legal challenge to the ordinance becomes necessary to maintain our sense of integrity, the limited resources of all concerned will unfortunately be diverted away from those whom we all wish to serve."

### Catholic subversion?

Ammiano, who co-authored the law with Supervisor Leslie Katz, told the B.A.R. that Levada is attempting to do an end-run around what he said is solid legislation.

"He's trying to subvert what we've done. I think it's a very comprehensive and fair policy," Ammiano said. "Catholic Charities on the one hand talks about their doing good work, and on the other hand they do not want to honor this legislation."

Bob Nelson, director of public policy for Catholic Charities in San Francisco, said he has not seen Levada's letter to the mayor.

"I knew about something in the works," Nelson told the B.A.R., referring to the archdiocese's request for an exemption from the law. "But I haven't seen the letter, so I don't know what it says."

Other religiously affiliated organizations in the city make domestic partner benefits available for workers. For example, in November 1995, the Jewish Community Federation (JCF), which has 80 employees, began offering employees' domestic partners with health, dental, and retirement benefits, said Elle Hoffnagel, JCF's personnel director. ▼

## Queer youth to converge on Sacramento

by Jesse Costello-Good

Next Wednesday, January 15, queer youth from all over the state will descend on the State Capitol for a day of rallies, educational workshops, and meetings with state representatives. About 500 youth are expected to attend Youth Lobby Day, which is sponsored by LIFE Lobby, the statewide lobby in California representing gay and HIV-affected communities.

This, the second annual Youth Lobby Day, is designed to educate young people as well as give legislators the opportunity to meet gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning and supportive straight youth. Ellen McCormick of LIFE Lobby told the Bay Area Reporter, "Our organization believes that young people deserve a breadth of education which includes how a bill becomes law and the political process. Young people often graduate high school with-

out learning this knowledge. What do we do teach them about the legislative process in a way that is very comprehensible and real."

To accomplish this there will be workshops, ranging from Activism 101 to Q Action's Robert Perez, to Statewide Queer Youth Agenda by LYRIC's John Newsome.

During the day, every youth participant will have the opportunity to meet with the state representative from his or her district. This is particularly timely because of the "Dignity For All Students Bill," up for a vote this session, which would increase protection for queer youth in schools to the level that ethnic and religious groups receive.

"The population that a bill serves is usually invisible to the legislature," McCormick said. "This is a chance for them to see who their constituents are."

Youth Lobby Day was created in 1995 by a joint effort of youth service agencies across California. The idea came from McCormick

and Jen Richard, aide to openly lesbian Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl of Santa Barbara. About 350 youth flocked to Sacramento to the first Youth Lobby Day last January; however, the State Assembly was controlled by conservative Republicans who did not always come to the constituent meetings with an open mind.

This year, after the November rout of conservative Southern Californian Republicans that returned the Assembly to Democratic control, the environment on the Capitol is much more conducive to reform. McCormick is optimistic about the fate of the "Dignity For All Students Bill." Although the bill was introduced last year and failed, the vote was along party lines, signaling solid Democratic support of the bill.

This year, McCormick said, "there will be a much more substantive debate, because members on committees are willing to think about the issues instead of just writing it off." ▼

# HRC seeks new queers

by Cynthia Laird

The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Advisory Committee (LGBTAC) of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission (HRC) is seeking new members to serve on one of the commission's most active committees. Applications are being accepted until next Friday, January 17.

The LGBTAC is mandated by law to identify and address the issues and concerns of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and HIV-affected communities of San Francisco. The committee advises the HRC on these issues and recommends action to be taken.

HRC chair Martha Knutzen, who also chairs the LGBTAC, said, "As we search for new members, we are always mindful of our commitment to ensuring a diverse and active membership."

The committee is looking for members who are community activists with knowledge and skills in the areas of HIV/AIDS, disability, youth, diversity, and other civil rights issues. Knutzen noted the committee aims to achieve racial, ethnic, and gender balance in its composition.

Working in the forefront of the anti-discrimination struggle, in the last year the committee held a landmark public hearing on the issues faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender, queer, and ques-



All smiles: The SFHRC's LGBTAC wants you to commit.

tioning youth, and spearheaded an effort to educate the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community on the importance of affirmative action, among other things.

Current committee members include Vice Chair Commissioner Agar Jaicks, Virginia Benavidez, Rachel Bernstein, William Bland, Robert Bray, Quang Dang, Lani Ka'ahumanu, Edward Kaufman, Yosenio Lewis, Rosa Lizardo, Shadown Morton, Laura Perez, Terry Person, Wally Sherwood, Rachel Timoner, and Kiki Whitlock. The committee is staffed by HRC employees Larry Brinkin, Brian Cheu, and Cynthia Goldstein.

Applicants must live in San

Francisco and be able to make a firm commitment to attend LGBTAC meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Members are expected to contribute to the work of the committee by actively participating in task forces and in discussions held and decisions made at each meeting. People of color, people with disabilities, people with HIV, older and younger people are particularly encouraged to apply. ▼

Interested persons should send a letter and resume detailing their community involvement and areas of expertise to: LGBTAC, San Francisco Human Rights Commission, 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94102-6033.

## SM for AEF

by Cynthia Laird

The Leathernecks, a San Francisco-based SM group for men, has safe, sane, and consensual SM parties for men on the second Saturday of each month, with a different AIDS charity receiving 25 percent of the gross proceeds from the monthly party. The group's next scheduled event is Saturday, January 11, to benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund.

Recent beneficiaries of the Leathernecks' parties include Home Care Companions, Maitri AIDS Hospice, Paradigm, Healing Alternatives Foundation, the AIDS Memorial Grove, and Project Open Hand.

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## Is sex really worth it?

**S**an Francisco, as most gay residents are aware, is the only major city that has completely shut down its gay bathhouses. The decision to do so, back in the fear-blinded '80s, was rancorous and divisive, so any efforts to overturn that rule, and reopen those establishments, may well be noisy and somewhat unpleasant. That is probably all right. That's democracy.

Unfortunately, the decision to keep bathhouses closed is the opposite of democracy. Rather than being a process of open debate and public voting, the mechanism that keeps baths shuttered in this town is secluded and whisper-quiet. The public is anything but informed – it is virtually impossible to ascertain whether the moratorium against bathhouses has expired, or if that happens this year; what constitutes a "bathhouse" exactly, the presence of water or of locking doors; and who has the final say on keeping them closed – as a hundred different panels, departments, and bureaucrats do their best to keep the obfuscation going.

But people are tired of the moratorium, which is only a game, after all. Everyone knows there is a bathhouse in Berkeley, full of people who are willing to take BART from San Francisco for no other reason. There is also a bathhouse in San Jose, there are sex clubs here in the city, there are saunas in the city where people are known to take their tricks – er, loved ones – and people continue to have sex elsewhere. So the question remains: why does San Francisco think it needs this moratorium?

It is particularly strange when you consider that bathhouses exist in towns that consider themselves a lot less progressive than this one. Does this city know something others don't – or is it the other way around?

It is appalling that only San Francisco gay men are considered too stupid or too careless or too vicious to know what is best for ourselves, and that the city needs to protect us from ourselves. We aren't all stupid. We don't all need nursemaidening.

Some people, of course, have already jumped to the conclusion that supporting open bathhouses is advocating unsafe sex and death. That is an insulting accusation, and about as believable as saying that driving is advocating decapitation-by-air-bag for toddlers. Obviously we have buried enough of our friends to know that unsafe sex is deadly. We are adults. That's the point.

Frankly, it seems to us that if nobody else wanted to open a bathhouse here in San Francisco (which is not the case), the Department of Public Health would. It is the

best possible way to reach people at what that lavish advertising campaign calls "The Moment." No health advocate could possibly ask for a better opportunity to make sure that consenting adults have the information and the tools they need to make a well-informed decision just as they are about to have sex. If bathhouses existed, and if the DPH cared to make sure they were stocked with the latest advances in HIV prevention devices – polyurethane condoms, anal condoms, and microboidal lubricants – the gay community would have a clearer idea of what those things are and how to use them for fun and disease prevention.

That would require a stronger pro-active stance from the DPH than we normally see – here we are, envisioning Reality condoms in bathhouses in a city where there still aren't plain old 3¢ penile condoms on most of the bars – but that move would be a good thing. As the situation stands, with the bathhouses closed, DPH can't really catch men as they're about to have sex in the Montgomery Ward's men's rooms, or their cars, or wherever they're having it. And they're having it. They just aren't having it in bathhouses.

The closest thing San Francisco has to a bathhouse is its handful of "sex clubs," which are baths without ... well, without anything much except sex. Unfortunately, even the law that was to define and codify sex clubs

was scuttled last year, disappearing into that vacuum of information about gay sex-based establishments. Now the rules on what can happen there are still vague and mysterious, patched together from city departmental regulations and a club owner's lobbying group's "voluntary guidelines."

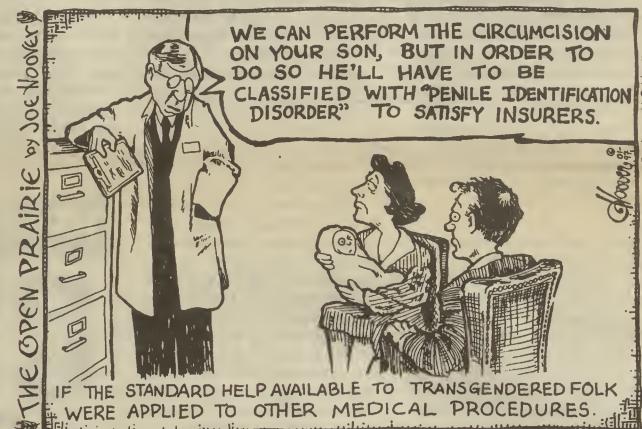
This week that group, the Coalition for Healthy Sex, will meet to discuss, among other issues, those guidelines. The meeting should be interesting: a few people intend to voice their strong support for reopening the bathhouses. There seem few other places where the issue can be raised, now that the legislation has been withdrawn.

Judging from the mail and phone calls we've gotten over the issue of sex clubs, legislation, and governmental intrusion into our bedrooms, we believe this to be a subject that a lot of our readers will find important. Anyone who believes that it is time to put a stop to the sex-negative and anti-gay ban, or not, may come to the meeting Tuesday, January 14 at 4:30 p.m. at the SF AIDS office, located at 25 Van Ness Avenue, on the 5th floor.

It may help you remember the date if you cut out the handy clip 'n' save table on page 20. Besides that appointment, you'll also find some other dates of interest throughout January. After all, wasn't it a resolution to get more involved?

And if sex isn't worth it, what is?  
Democracy? ▼

## Editorial



## Time to conquer AIDS, Inc.

by Jerry Joshua De Jong

It is time.

For many years now, San Francisco has benefited from a plethora of AIDS service agencies. Depending on your race, color or creed, sexual orientation, gender, age, disability, the neighborhood you lived in, if you owned a pet, needed food, needed housing, needed clothing, infected or affected, one of San Francisco's myriad of AIDS agencies has been there to serve you. The majority of these agencies have served with distinction, and yet, it is time.

It is time for the agencies to change, and to change radically. Once upon a time in this pandemic it was necessary to have AIDS-specific social service agencies. Indeed, it was the only way our brothers and sisters who were first infected would have received services. No one wanted to touch or serve people with AIDS. The fear and the hysteria which existed in the early- and mid-1980s is difficult to communicate to those who did not live through it. To walk into, to work at, or to volunteer at an AIDS agency was an act of great courage. Once only grass-roots community groups would address the needs of people with AIDS. Today we have a multi-billion dollar AIDS industry, and an AIDS researcher is named *Time* magazine's Man of the Year.

It is time. It is time for AIDS service

agencies to stop being the AIDS welfare network. It is time for these agencies to ensure that drugs which we know are effective for 75% of the people who use them, are readily available to whoever has need of them. It is time for AIDS service agencies to stop duplicating social services which are available from other agencies, agencies which all have experience in the 1990s serving people with AIDS. It is time for AIDS agencies to turn their resources toward providing prescription drugs to the people who most need them and want them.

I know that this proposal will be met with howls of protest. I will be told that these drugs don't work for everyone. I will be told that many people will not take their drugs until they are free of addiction, or until they have a roof over their head or food in their belly. I will be told that no one can deliver AIDS services the way these agencies can. I will be told all this and more. I will still reply that it is time.

It is true that protease inhibitors do not work for everyone. Yet they appear to work for the majority, and there are at least 19 new promising drugs in the pipeline with the potential to forever change the way we respond to HIV infection and a diagnosis of AIDS. It is time to make these drugs available,

and the only way to do that nationwide is to dismantle the AIDS service industry and re-focus its priority of service. To those who imply that Abraham Maslow's hierarchy of needs must be met before people will follow their prescriptions – I say end your condescending, self-righteous attitudes toward the poor, or those with addictions. It is a falsehood that those with addictions or who are poor will not follow medical advice – just look at our experiences with both needle exchange and the bleach and teach method. People want to stay well regardless of their economic circumstance, and besides how many of you still smoke or forget to put your seat-belt on? No one ever follows medical advice 100 percent.

We now have at least 20 states who are rationing AIDS drugs, or who have begun a lottery to see which of their AIDS patients will receive the drugs. This is happening simply because the money is not there. Somehow the argument that no one can deliver AIDS services the way we do pales in the face of getting drugs to our brothers and sisters who want them and need them.

It is time for a radical restructuring of what AIDS services mean. It is time to deliver medical services and not social services. It is time. ▼

## Guest Opinion



## LETTERS

## Lowe down dirty shame

Puzzling subject, short & sweet: when I first moved to SF, pre-plague, there was a joke going around the bars. "I got jumped & beat up by this guy last night..." "Yeah, but was he cute?" Supposedly, our Gay P.C. "pride" has come a long way in 15 years.

I did a triple take the other day, Dec. 26, when I saw "Tim Lowe" advertised as appearing at the Campus Theater. Is this not the same person who lived with a gay man whom he later strangled & robbed of credit cards and car and took off on the run with his girlfriend? I called the B.A.R. that day to inquire and was told that indeed that was the same person. He apparently served what, 2 years? Oh, it must have been consensual murder/robbery, a kind of love game. Two years, not bad to have done for the dirty deed and still be employed by a gay business to tease gay men with some kind of sick, masochistic death wish. "Gee, maybe I'll get to meet him, and take him home, and maybe he'll get just a little bit rough." What a fucking turn on!

We pursue with a queen's vengeance these little punks who fag bash, we scream at Eddie Murphy and Bob Dornan, etc. But we can always go to the Campus and jerk off to a naked murderer. Was he fucking the judge and jury with his trade meat? Was the gay man he killed and robbed a really bad person who had it coming? Where is Mr. Ammiano with his fucking proclamations? Where is the P.C. ministry known as GLAAD? Anybody home? Hello? Fuck it, maybe I'll go to the Campus tonight. Maybe I'll be the next to die with a hard-on.

Name withheld by request  
San Francisco



## Grand illusions

Will someone please show – not tell – me why San Francisco's gay community is so fantastic? I've been here a couple of years now, and I'm utterly mystified why this is, as I'm told over and over again, "the greatest place on earth."

The rapidity with which gay people here pick up and drop friends, boyfriends, girlfriends, lovers or whatever is breathtaking. How well can people truly get to know one another on such a schedule? The Castro, buried under a mountain of smug self-satisfaction, is deeply ugly – nothing but trinket shops and stinky bars, all blaring out the same dance music. Is there an attraction here I'm missing? The nightclubs are staggeringly dull, full of overaged kids who, while thrusting their hands in the air, completely forget to be friendly, social and oftentimes even polite (is there something elusive about the concept of eye contact?). The slavish documentation of every step of each gay elected official smacks of simple pandering; it's certainly not a sign of liberation. What about the sex clubs, which have all the erotic thrill of operating theaters? Lining up to fill out paperwork to get into these sterile barns reminds me of going to the DMV – except that that same damn dance music is playing (and who decided I want that as the soundtrack to my life, anyway?). As for the deep mysteries of sexual desire, apparently the key to maturity in this town is to blaze out of the closet right into the approving arms of a married-with-children bisexual or flat-out straight guy. What the hell is that all about? On the other hand, if you're a little less desperate about heterosexual approval, god help you if you aren't into speed, or that very loosely defined aesthetic, "camp." Finally, romance is a subtype of neuroticism here – they'll either fall in love with you within ten minutes, or string you along, playing mind games so violent your last nerve will be wrecked.

I just don't get it, and need some help.

I'm aware that there's a certain amount of "seek and ye shall find" in all of us, and there are really great things about San Francisco. But I don't see how the gay community, which is based on as many illusions and contains as many pitfalls as any other self-defined community in this country, is one of them. Illusion number one: sheer numbers on their own manufacture greatness. Illusion number two: there actually is a place for everyone. I know those reading this letter will say, like it or lump it. You needn't worry – I've been lumping it for a while now, and have little hope of unlumping it anytime soon.

Brian Curtis  
San Francisco

## Power and influence

I wish Robert Bray good luck in his new role as S.P.I.N. doc [B.A.R., December 26], but media savvy is not the biggest problem facing (heterosexual?) activist groups he wants to help. These groups have always been extremely ambivalent about seeking or gaining power/influence to move their agendas along. Late 20th Century gay groups and politicians have not feared, nor been shy of, seeking power and influence.

Thornton Kimes  
San Francisco

## The forgotten ones

It seems like every time I open a magazine or newspaper there is always something about the great advances in AIDS. People are doing so well on the new drugs that are out. We are supposedly doing so well, we are running marathons, hiking and going back to work.

The odd part about this is that I and many of my friends do not feel any different. Our lives remain the same: infections, drugs, doctors, hospitals, etc. etc. We are the forgotten ones, the ones who are not responding to the "great advances" in AIDS. I hear no mention of us in these articles. Everyone seems to be focused on that we are all going to get better and go back to work. I'm sure that is what the government and the insurance companies would love for us to believe. Then they wouldn't have all that expense of disability insurance, and the high cost of the AIDS budget. It would be a clean break from what they consider a waste of money and time.

Let's not forget who we are dealing with here. Agencies that denounced the existence of AIDS for years. The same agencies who refused to acknowledge us as a valuable part of society. We had to demonstrate and fight in every city in the nation to get the little help we are getting now. Already, the focus has shifted from more research and services for PWAs to let's get them back to work. Even within our community our own organizations seem to want to follow this misleading trend. This is a dangerous shift that could ultimately lead to cutbacks on all AIDS services. We are not *all* out of the woods yet. Please don't forget my friends and the countless others that continue our horrific battle with AIDS every day.

Gary DuFresne  
San Francisco

## Love in 1997

I am very troubled that we as a community cannot even treat each other with respect and dignity. I do not understand the crassness and cynicism that we use so freely against our own brothers and sisters in the gay community. It would be so very refreshing to read of positive things done, of lovers who have been faithful and monogamous to each other, of what we can do to revitalize a neighborhood that we used to call our own. We cannot change the fact that many businesses jumped in and made purchases of formerly gay-owned establishments in sort of a feeding frenzy after the death of our brothers and sisters with AIDS. These "straight" people have got to learn that we will not be exploited. The easiest way to do that is to refuse to do business with them. Maybe we've got to take a moment to stop and ask someone who wants our spare change what exactly they want it for. Nothing is more irritating than to be falsely flirted with in an attempt to be again exploited. Are we content to be easy prey for these vultures?

Why are we throwing cat shit at each other? Why are we busy insulting one another and those politicians who do at least make an effort to extend a hand of friendship? I hate the term "DI-FI!" Dianne was one of the few mayors that made a difference. I remember her attempting to give "mouth-to-mouth" to a transient that had fallen on the sidewalk near City Hall. I also remember her running up into a building to help when she heard screams, only to discover it was an acting class. Why not unite behind her or anyone more suitable than Pete Wilson and really *defeat* those in Sacramento that have hurt us so much?

I remember too being on the steps of City Hall after the assassinations and hearing Joan Baez singing – there was talk that *someday* we would have a gay mayor. What happened? Are we content to always let our somedays be in the future?

Let's try in 1997 to at the very least *love* one another.

Bryan Lovness  
Petaluma, CA

## The good we do...

Thank you for the coverage of our Annual UCSF Pediatric HIV/AIDS Treatment Center fundraiser [photo, page 4, January 2]. I would like to correct the information on the amount of funds raised and how they were spent.

Our goal was to raise enough to allow the Center to purchase a van to transport children and their families to treatment. However, we fell short of that goal, and a van was not purchased. The Center used the funds raised to give one child his dream, a trip to Texas, and to pay the funeral expenses of another.

The toys that are donated are used throughout the year and are given to each child when they come in for treatment.

We want to thank the community for their support of this event.

Ty Dakota, Club Universe & Pleasuredome  
San Francisco

[And thank you.]

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## Sad about GLAAD

Sadly, the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) continues to move away from its professed commitment to grassroots media activism, in favor of an increasingly star-struck and dumbed-down agenda. Most recently, GLAAD extended dubious support for the nation's new TV ratings scheme. Though opposed by other progressive organizations, the system has been greeted optimistically by GLAAD's national director, William Waybourn.

The ratings system was developed under the direction of Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, which has consistently and unfairly applied more-restrictive ratings to films with lesbian or gay content. Ignoring the MPAA's record of homophobic bias, however, Waybourn expressed "cautious optimism that the new system would not distinguish between heterosexual and gay content." Citing no firm or concrete policy statement—but only vague assurances from "industry insiders"—Waybourn insists the ratings scheme "is not intended to discourage creation of lesbian- and gay-themed programming."

By contrast, the American Civil Liberties Union denounced the ratings system as "subjective and arbitrary," tantamount to "government-coerced censorship." According to ACLU associate director Barry Steinhardt, the new system could easily encourage advertisers or producers to drop certain shows and projects "for fear of being thought too controversial."

Misunderstanding the fundamental nature of "chilling effects," GLAAD has promised to "monitor the ratings system to prevent it from ever being used as a broad broom that would sweep gay content under the rug and off of our television screens." It is rather difficult to monitor programs that will not air, projects that are never produced.

In another seemingly-inexplicable (and equally "industry-cozy") move, GLAAD and homophobic actor/director Mel Gibson "will host 10 lesbian and gay filmmakers for an on-location seminar on the set of Gibson's new film, *Conspiracy Theory*." According to GLAAD, the January seminar will provide participants "with an up-close and personal look into the inner workings of a major Hollywood feature film." "GLAAD is proud to offer up-and-coming lesbian and gay filmmakers the opportunity to spend time on set with an actor and director of Mel Gibson's caliber," said Waybourn.

Though described by GLAAD as "groundbreaking," the seminar is actually being held without serious expression of any new understanding (let alone an apology) from Gibson, who has routinely smeared lesbians and gays, both on and off the screen. In fact, this event—at which homosexuals will essentially have the "opportunity" to sit at the feet of a homophobe—seems little more than a continuation of Gibson's condescension toward queers.

If Gibson was an unrepentant misogynist, would an organization such as NOW proudly invite up-and-coming women filmmakers to spend time learning from a man of that caliber? GLAAD's vague "opportunity" appears no less absurd.

Al Kielwasser  
 San Francisco

## Slander Mother Theresa

[The following letter was sent to the Reverend Robert W. Cromey, Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church:]

Dear Reverend Cromey:

I have noticed the advertisement for Trinity Episcopal Church in recent editions of the *Bay Area Reporter*. I am writing to express my disdain for one of the last entries.

That ad read, "Mother Theresa. Jesse Helms. Both of these people call themselves Christians. Whom do you believe? Whom do you trust? We thought so. So do we." I was completely dumbfounded when I read that text. How could Trinity Church, a community rooted in Christian principles, possibly allow the publication of such slander?

The text is open to many interpretations, one of which is to group Senator Helms and Mother Theresa together. Mother Theresa has given her life, and has engendered her spirit into thousands of other women who likewise give their lives in service of the poorest of the poor, many of whom are dying on the streets of the world. Senator Helms, albeit with equal passion, has served to desecrate the dignity of individuals, groups of people (not the least of which is the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community) and to obstruct justice in America. How could they possibly be aligned appropriately?

It is equally as difficult for me to understand how Trinity would find such an ad, based on mean-spiritedness, a source of attraction to new or returning members. The Christ of the Gospels teaches unconditional love (which includes disagreement) and forgiveness. From that ad it appears that Trinity compromises those principles.

Thank you for reading this letter, Reverend Cromey. May your ministry and new year be blessed.

(The Rev.) Kevin F. Tripp  
 San Rafael, CA

## Community challenge

On behalf of the Community Thrift Store, I'd like to thank your readers for their incredible support in 1996. Thanks for being such generous donors. Thanks for shopping at the store. Thanks for helping us recycle hundreds of tons of goods. Thanks for passing on a good word to your friends, neighbors, and employers. And, most of all, thanks for helping us to raise more than \$300,000 for the 200 charities we serve.

Unfortunately, 1997 will be one of the most challenging years that San Francisco's charities have ever faced. But at Community Thrift, we're committed to helping them rise to the occasion once again. As welfare cuts begin, as our most vulnerable neighbors struggle to make ends meet, and as the cost of AIDS "cocktails" skyrockets.

It won't be easy for us. It never has been. Because it takes so much people power to run a thrift store, seven days a week, year in and year out. But over the last 15 years, we've learned just how amazing the community really is. So I'm writing to ask for your readers' help once again.

We need volunteers. It's that simple. We need the passion, the energy, and the hard work of dedicated individuals in our community. All it takes is a phone call to (415) 861-4910. And it means a lot. Because every dollar we save through the work of a generous volunteer is another dollar that can go to a charity in need.

The gay and lesbian community has always been the source of our strength at the Community Thrift Store, and the foundation of our support. We're grateful. But our charities need more help than ever. And so do we. As we enter the new year, I hope your readers will join us as volunteers. And together, we will thrive as a community.

Tim Malone  
 Community Thrift Store  
 San Francisco

## Mark-ups R Us

Being a former employee of Castro Village Pharmacy I read with great interest (and not too much surprise) about the selling of the Pharmacy to New York-based Stadtlanders.

The article quotes ACT UP/Golden Gate member Rob Sabados's worry about Stadtlander's price-gouging earlier this year. Later in the article, it states mark-ups of only "five to 16 percent" ... with an initial mark-up of "37 percent over cost for the estimated 80 percent of the Stadtlanders patients using Crixivan."

While working in the insurance/billing department at Castro Village Pharmacy, we had a program called Assignment of Benefits (AOB), in which we would do the billing for the patient and the payment reimbursement would be sent directly to us.

What the patient did not know: when they used this program, there was a price mark-up of 40 percent above the cost on all prescription drugs an AOB patient received, not just one such as Crixivan. There was even a couple months when the former manager of the insurance department decided to raise the mark-up from 40 percent to a whopping 100 percent! This is one of the biggest reasons for their financial failure and having three different owners since its beginning in October 1992.

Some patients may think, "So what!" But what they don't realize with mark-ups such as these, their lifetime maximum is reached much more quickly. So if you have a lifetime maximum of \$100,000, your insurance goes pretty fast.

All this price-gouging by Castro Village Pharmacy fell upon deaf ears from their corporate offices to a highly visible community newspaper here in San Francisco.

So you see, Stadtlanders' initial mark-up of 37 percent for Crixivan pales in comparison to the continuous 40-100 percent mark-up Castro Village Pharmacy has had on all prescriptions used by AOB patients since opening its doors in 1992.

Steven D. Keller  
 San Francisco

## The 'same' thing

Thanks for your response to Tish A. Pearlman, Title Queen, ex-co-chair, Lesbian Caucus, Harvey Milk Gay Lesbian Whatever Club [Mailstrom, January 2]. A lot of straight people get all hung up on the use of the word "gay" to describe us, because they know we're not really that happy. Or at least shouldn't be. Without bothering with an etymology lesson, I tell them that Webster's defines the word "gay" as a synonym of the word "homosexual." Both words describe a person who has sexual attraction for others of her or his own sex. (Homo is not Latin for "man" but Greek for "same.")

If people want to use a word to describe themselves, they should just do it. If they don't want to, they should also have that option. They will be just as visible, and audible, either way. But I wish everyone would stop playing word cop and telling me what to do.

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# Ethic cleansing in D.C.

by Wayne Friday

**A**s the new 105th Congress started up in Washington this week, House Speaker **Newt Gingrich**, despite the ethics controversy hanging over his head, was not surprisingly re-elected the leader of the GOP-controlled House of Representatives, and the new Congress convened with a supposedly bipartisan agenda. Shortly after **Bill Clinton** was re-elected president last November, while the Republicans were losing ten House seats but picking up two U.S. Senate seats, leaders of both parties were loudly proclaiming that they were "ready to work seriously" with each other in a "new spirit of bipartisanship" that would be good for the country.

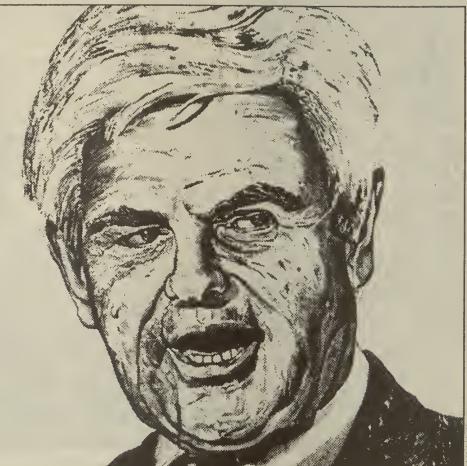
Hah! Newt Gingrich, probably (next to **Jesse Helms**) the most unpopular Republican in Washington, was re-elected Speaker despite himself, much the way Bill Clinton was re-elected president last November — though Clinton had a lot of help from a lackluster opponent. Many feel that the ethics questions swirling around both Clinton and Gingrich will keep Congress busy for months, and little if anything will be accomplished, particularly during the current year.

Oh, sure, the Republicans are repeating their pledge to cooperate with the White House to "get things moving" again — particularly the balancing of the budget, something both parties claim they want — but their words ring hollow. Both Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader **Trent Lott** (who's even more partisan and conservative than his predecessor **Bob Dole**) vow to work with the White House on a number of issues. Gingrich: "The Republican majority has an absolute moral obligation to work with the White House." Lott: "I think there's a greater potential for us to work together; we're going to be intent on doing it."

Right. The Republicans, if "intend" on doing anything, are "intend" on doing in the Clinton White House via Special Counsel **Kenneth Starr** on a range of messy matters ranging from Whitewater to **Paula Jones**. The Democrats, in turn, are circling the wagons in hopes of keeping the president out of even more legal trouble and Hillary and some top aides out of the Big House.

Serious legal and ethical problems hang over both Clinton and Gingrich, and neither party will let the public forget it. As for the Newster, he should be asked, among other things, who were the people who contributed \$6 million to the tax-free foundations set up by him and did they receive any quid pro quo for said donations? We might also wish to know whether or not any of those contributors were given the impression that by contributing they could both support Newt's political agenda and receive a tax deduction at the same time. Better yet, I'd ask Gingrich if he or any of his top lieutenants in the GOP-controlled House pressured the Ethics Committee to delay the release of its report on the Speaker until after the November election.

As for Mr. Clinton, when did "coffee at the White House" start costing \$150,000 a cup? How many hundreds of thousands in contributions to the Democratic Party does it take to "rent" a night



Eyes of Newt: Gingrich's win didn't disperse the cloud hanging over him.

in the Lincoln Room these days? If we are to believe what we read, they were renting out rooms to Indonesian and other checkbook fat cats in a fashion that would put a Motel 6 manager to shame.

A productive 1997 in the 105th Congress? Don't bet on it. The Republicans run one end of Pennsylvania Avenue while Bill Clinton & Co. have just taken a new four-year lease on the mansion at the opposite end. If there is anything important to politicians in both parties, it is the "ethics" of the other. We are looking at highly partisan Dark Days ahead in D.C. Let the back-stabbing and bloodletting begin!

## Politics and people

Speaking of the ethics problems surrounding President Clinton, one wonders just what **Doris Matsui**, wife of Rep. **Robert Matsui** (D-Sacramento) and now the deputy White House director for public liaison, meant when she reportedly said recently, "What we're doing in the White House is obviously trying to sell the president." Hmm.

Rumors, I get rumors! If there is any fun in writing a political column (19 years now), it lies in the rumors passed on to me by one means or another. The latest: City Treasurer **Mary Callanan** might not run for re-election this year, so all kinds of candidates are supposedly putting out the word they are "interested." Namely, retiring Supe **Tom Hsieh**, former Super **Annenmarie Conroy**, Super **Susan Leal**, **Ann Lazuras**, etc.

Former Supe **Bill Maher** slated to become the next Director of Parking and Traffic? I don't get much news from Mayor **Wille Brown**'s Office, but I'm told by those who should know that **Bevin Duffy**, who's working on the mayor's Neighborhood Services program, is highly respected and one of the best on staff.

Just got a "tip" that state Senator **Quentin Kopp** would "love" to take on City Attorney **Louise Renne** for that job. Damn, can you imagine Quentin and Da Mayor under the same City Hall dome at the same time?

Another Clinton screw-up: letting the White House drug czar, retired Army General **Barry "Mean" McCaffrey**, lead the battle and speak for the adminis-

tration against using marijuana for medical purposes. It was McCaffrey who last week said that California and Arizona voters were obviously "asleep at the switch" last November for supporting "hoax propositions" to prescribe marijuana. Get real, Mr. President, this issue calls for the expertise of a doctor, not a retired soldier.

He's never been one of my favorite entertainers, but comedian **Bill Cosby** will emcee the annual Gay Men's Health Crisis AIDS benefit Jan. 22 at NYC's Carnegie Hall with a list of big names performing. Gay philanthropist/record mogul **David Geffen** will be honored; the event is expected to raise \$2 million or more.

Pass this one on to **Gray Davis**: When Vermont Lt. Governor **Douglas Racine** was recently sworn in in Montpelier, he discovered he had an annual operating budget of only \$600. Seems the Democratic-controlled Legislature in that state cut the budget of outgoing GOP Lt. Governor **Barbara Snelling** during the last session. Racine, a Democrat, will have to get by on peanuts — and we thought California politics was mean!

The most memorable quote of the recent presidential election? I guess my vote would go to GOP standard-bearer Bob Dole's remark on national television: "It's all about the future. That's where we're headed in this country." (Hey, this guy still thinks the Dodgers play in Brooklyn!)

Bill and Al don't take their second oath of office until the 20th of the month, but I'm told there is already buzzing in Washington about an **Al Gore/Dianne Feinstein** ticket in 2000, whether Diane is a governor or a U.S. senator.

Whatever happened to the once well-known lesbian leader/activist **Ginny Apuzzo** from New York? **Larry Bush** tells me that she is quietly a force for the gay/lesbian community in D.C. as a deputy undersecretary at the Department of Labor (and reportedly is very respected at the White House).

**Arianna Huffington** the latest to be thinking about **Barbara Boxer's** senate seat? What will Iron Mike say? You read this one here first, folks. ▼

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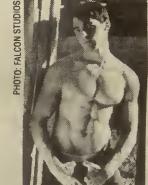


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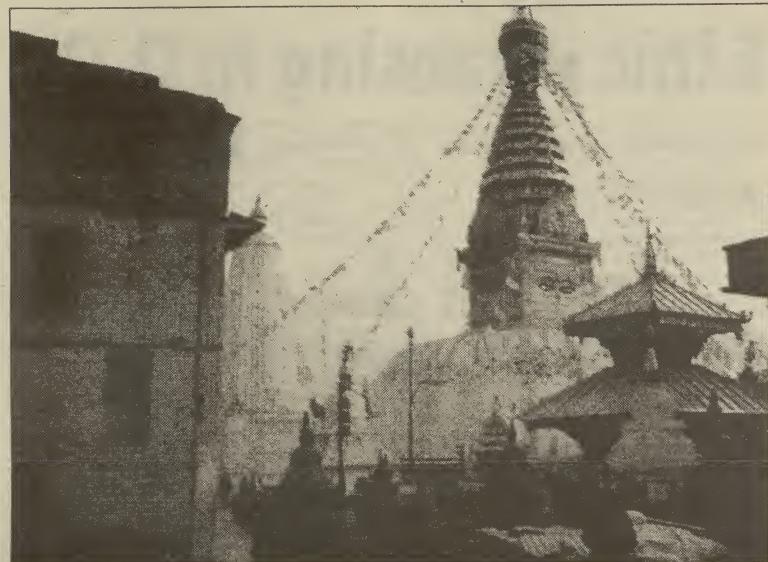
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The temple (center) on the sacred hill of Swayambu, chief tantric power point in the Kathmandu Valley.

## (Kathmandu) Valley girl

by Beth Elliott

**S**hangri-La La Land Dept.: It didn't occur to me till I got back to the States and started reflecting on what kind of year 1996 had been that I may have run the gamut, travel experience-wise, with my two trips to New York City and three-week tour of Nepal. Not bad for a year in which my main planet-surfing ambition had been getting to the top of Mt. Shasta, which is less than a day's drive away. Of course, by the time I did get to Nepal, the days of Kathmandu as hippie paradise were long gone — done in by hippie overkill, alas. But then, by this point in my life, I've seen a number of scenes come and go — enough to realize that everything has its season.

But Life seems to want to amuse herself by keeping a full stock of adventures up her sleeve for those who keep their curiosity muscles buffed and retain an overactive sense of wonder. (Which shouldn't be difficult for any of us, seeing as how dating women can mean getting thrown more curveballs than a trip to the plate against an aging pitcher coming back from rotator cuff surgery.) Told that experiencing Nepal would be transformative, I was curious about the adventure and what it would mean to me.

The culture shock began on the flight out of LA to Bangkok via Seoul. Thai Airways is completely unclear on the Western concept that airline food sucks. Realizing it would be culturally inappropriate not to enjoy the tasty meals and the complimentary cognac that followed, I forced myself to set aside my American frame of reference and begin adapting.

### Striking a balance

Actually, our overnight stay in Bangkok each way may have been the experience closest to the Asia of our imaginations. While Bangkok is a modern city, it seems the Thai take seriously the role Buddhist values can play in striking a balance between tradition and development. The in-flight magazine had an article on a new

book by the King retelling a major sutra to emphasize maintaining social and ecological equilibrium through the changes becoming an "Asian tiger" economy brings. (He also composes big band jazz — channel one on the airplane headphones.) A year-end review-type article in the newspaper did so in even more detail. Many in our group, of course, were seeking a major Buddhist experience — and the more Tibetan the better.

For those not up on what the big deal is with Westerners about Buddhism: First, the key question to Buddhism is, why is there suffering? This is very appealing for Americans who have seen the promise of a utopia through science and technology fall short. Second, the reward offered for successful practice is peace and blissful transcendental experience. Third, the emphasis on ethics — compassion — and the transformation of consciousness is very appealing to lesbians, especially those for whom the

promise of a utopia through lesbian feminism fell short. Fourth, *vajrayana* and tantric practices absolutely kick butt in the transpersonal psychology department. And it doesn't hurt that people don't grow up resenting being straightjacketed by a religion in which they weren't raised — converts can create their own experience.

The reality of the Kathmandu Valley was more complex. Nepal is by self-description, and in actuality (78 percent of the population), Hindu. There is, however, an overlap between Hinduism and Buddhism, especially among the Newars — the Valley locals — to whom it's all just dharma. Throw in a local Mother Goddess (with a shrine in the important Buddhist stupa at Boudha), along with everyone's appreciation of power places, and you have a unique syncretism. We would see that both Arya and Buddha dharma — religion, customs, and social structure combined — were integral to the fabric of daily life. The question would be to what degree, and among what proportion of the people, the dharma was more

than stuff to do to gain merit so your next lifetime doesn't suck — and what form it will take in a development-oriented 21st century.

### Romantic expectations

Nonetheless, it would be difficult not to have romantic expectations about any place you have to fly past the Himalayas to reach. On the one hand, they're just one little old mountain range that's not very wide. On the other hand, those babies are pretty effing tall, and stand above the clouds in a very impressive way even from an airplane.

Then there's the Kathmandu Valley, considered to be both mythic realm and mandala: an egg-shaped basin as large at most as the City, Marin County and the East Bay from San Pablo to Oakland. The legend is that Manjushri, a bodhisattva of intelligence, put his foot just west of the sacred hill of Swayambu (chief tantric power point in the Valley) and cut a gorge that drained a lake — which happens to coincide with the geologic record.

Approaching the Valley and losing altitude, we were treated to gorgeous vistas of Himalayas, terraced fields and pagoda-style temple roofs — at least until we got below the inversion layer, ready to breathe in the dust, wood smoke, and vehicle exhaust that would fill our lungs with what we came to call the Kathmandu Krud. On our drive to the tourist/expatriate neighborhood of Thamel, we passed our share of squalor and the slipshod manner of adopting modern technology typical of the Third World. I began to wonder whether I'd made a mistake, whether the reality of Nepal would be more grim than I could handle.

When we turned onto Naya Bazar, the narrow street even the guidebooks call depressing, we saw a sign for our hotel on a really ratty-looking building. Fortunately, the Garden Hotel was down the street, with a stone-paved courtyard and a lovely, inviting garden. The staff greeted us warmly, putting red tika on our foreheads and draping us with prayer shawls, our apprehension melting away at their gracious welcome. This would be Nepal: the best of places and the worst of places, all at the same time. ▼

# Gays & God meet in SF

## About that (other) New Year's Eve raid

by David Bianco

This week in gay history: Ministers associated with San Francisco's Council on Religion and the Homosexual hold a news conference January 2, 1965 to denounce police tactics against gays and lesbians.

In 1964, four years before the first lasting gay church was founded, a group of liberal Protestant ministers — mostly heterosexual — began to advocate for gay and lesbian rights in San Francisco and elsewhere. This group of passionate, courageous men and women, known as the Council on Religion and the Homosexual, played a key role in undermining the previously monolithic attitude of organized religion in America toward gays and lesbians.

The central figure in the founding of the council was Ted McIlvenna, a young Kansas City minister and social worker who was brought to San Francisco in 1962 by the legendary Rev. A. Cecil Williams, of Glide Memorial Methodist Church. Williams, well-known for his civil rights activism, charged McIlvenna with ministering to the large runaway youth population of the Tenderloin district in which Glide was (and is) located.

McIlvenna soon realized that issues of gay identity were paramount in the troubles of the young people to whom he reached out, and asked for help from the spectrum of homophobic organizations then in operation in San Francisco. Some protested that they couldn't deal with anyone under the age of 21, and others refused to work with organized religion. But eventually McIlvenna learned of the difficulties and discrimination faced by San Francisco's gay and lesbian residents — and he began to share what he learned with other ministers.

In May 1964, a group of 16 ministers from a variety of denominations and cities met with gays and lesbians in the Bay Area, toured gay bars and cruising spots, and learned all about homosexuality. In the context of the tumultuous 1960s, in which liberal Protestantism was expanding its role in civil rights and the social gospel, ministering to gays and lesbians with an open mind

was seen as a logical next step. In December 1964, a group of these ministers joined with homophobic leaders to form the Council on Religion and the Homosexual, which would work to change attitudes toward gays and lesbians among religious individuals and groups.

As its first public event, the CRH planned a New Year's Eve costume ball, designed to raise funds for its future operations. Unseasoned by the gay and lesbian community's history of police harassment, the ministers involved with planning the event met twice with the San Francisco Police to extract assurances that the ball would be unmolested by law enforcement. The gay and lesbian co-planners, taken aback by the fact that the police now knew when and where the event would take place, took steps to prepare the party-goers for a possible police raid, which the ministers assured them would not happen. The ministers were wrong.

The night of the ball, the police were out in full force, shocking the ministers with their blatant harassment of the partygoers. One police officer even told a clergyman who attended the ball, "We'll uphold God's laws if you won't." All 600 partygoers (many of whom were in full drag or other costumes) were photographed and filmed, police entered the hall several times to "inspect the premises," and four of the organizers were arrested.

The event marked the first time many of the clergy involved with the CRH really understood the extent of the harassment faced by gays and lesbians. Having witnessed what one minister called "intimidation, broken promises, and obvious hostility" to the party-goers, many CRH members began to see the political aspects of what they had previously seen as a religious issue. They began their response by holding a press conference at Glide on January 2, in which they described what they had seen and attacked the police's tactics. Sympathetic press coverage and pressure on elected officials led directly to a reduction in anti-gay harassment by the San Francisco police.

The New Year's Eve ball has often been described as a turning point in the maturation of San Francisco's gay and lesbian com-

munity — which it was. But it also led to an intensification of work on behalf of gays and lesbians by the mostly straight clergy who helped organize the ball in the first place. The CRH in San Francisco helped organize election forums in which candidates for public office had to answer questions about the treatment of gays and lesbians in the city. They also helped set up a 24-hour hotline to assist victims of police brutality. Perhaps more importantly, they helped organize similar councils in other cities such as Los Angeles, Seattle, and Dallas — and began to advocate for theological and policy changes within their own Protestant denominations as well. By the time Metropolitan Community Church (the first lasting gay church) was founded in 1968, strong voices for compassion and tolerance had already been heard within most mainline Protestant denominations, and primarily from heterosexuals like the clergy who organized the CRH. ▼

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# Hail to the Chiefs

by Don Romesburg,  
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In the current Warner Brothers movie *My Fellow Americans*, lesbians and gay men play a vital role in saving the lives of two former presidents. James Garner (as the Democrat) and Jack Lemmon (as the Republican) portray the two former leaders who are forced to go on the run after the cover-up of a scandal involving the current president (Dan Akroyd) leads to attempts to assassinate the two. At one point, Lemmon and Garner duck into what turns out to be a West Virginia gay pride parade to escape the bad guys. When one of the parade participants (who is in a marching band entirely made up of drag versions of Dorothy from *The Wizard of Oz*) befriends them, he arranges for a group of Dykes on Bikes to take them to safety. At the end of the ride, a lesbian gives Lemmon a freedom ring (gay pride) necklace, and Lemmon notes that after spending time with the lesbians, he has rethought the issue of gays in the military and thinks that "the military could probably use several of those women." Later in the film, the Marching Dorothy heroically returns.

Please let Warner Brothers know that their non-exploitative and jovial inclusion of lesbians and gay men in *My Fellow Americans* is appreciated.

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**African-American gay community makes Kwanzaa its own**

A page-two story on Kwanzaa in the December 27 *San Francisco Examiner* focuses attention on the fifth annual Kwanzaa celebration organized by Lesbians & Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action (LGADDA). Calling for Unity, the first of seven social principles celebrated during Kwanzaa, LGADDA Chair Ron Hypolite said the event was an effort to bridge the gap between straight and gay people in the black community. "I wanted people to see we are whole, complete people," Hypolite said, referring to a chasm created three years ago when a local African-American reverend denounced homosexuality as an "abomination against God." Hypolite took heart in the attendance of clergy members at LGADDA's event, including the pastor of the largest African-American church in San Francisco.

By presenting a prominent article on this particular Kwanzaa celebration, the *Examiner* has helped to highlight that there is room for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender members of the African-American community. Well-rounded and diverse Kwanzaa coverage promotes greater understanding and inclusion of the community that celebrates the holiday.

Please commend the *Examiner* for including LGADDA's celebration in their Kwanzaa and holiday coverage.

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Francisco, CA 94111, fax: 415.512.1264, e-mail: [sfxaminer@examiner.com](mailto:sfxaminer@examiner.com).

**Lesbian and gay parenting catches up with the Times**

Following an excellent article on the cultural and legal challenges of being a lesbian or gay parent, the December 26 *Los Angeles Times* airs both sides of the gay parenting issue via dueling pro-con essays. Susan Carpenter

McMillan, television commentator and spokesperson

for the apparently conservative Woman's Coalition, claims that although she knows, loves, and respects her lesbian cousin and cousin's partner of 15 years, the possibility of this or any gay couple legally adopting a child "is not only harmful to the child but also to society." She attributes this to lesbian and gay "selfishness." Robert Dawidoff, co-author of *Created Equal: Why Gay Rights Matter to America*, counters her "selfishness" argument with his observation that many lesbian and gays have "suppressed our own lives in order to be devoted parents, uncles and aunts, siblings and children."

Regardless of the *Times* position on gay parenting, it has allowed for dissenting opinions that speak for themselves. McMillan illogically bases her anti-gay parenting stance on the biological necessity of "two-sex ingredients essential in parenting." Dawidoff points out many children are raised successfully without the presence of both biological parents and "the proof of family values is how the family treats its own."

Tell the *Times* that you value their willingness to discuss a sensitive subject. Thank them for publishing Dawidoff's intelligent and realistic gay parenting essay.

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**In the Life with the Washington Post**

The December 22 edition of the *Washington Post* featured an article entitled "In the Life Struggles for Respect," which highlighted the growing success and struggles of the highly respected program about gay and lesbian issues and culture. "For five years, *In the Life* has struggled to keep a toehold on PBS station schedules across the country. Some, like WETA [in Washington, D.C.], carried the show about gay and lesbian issues and culture from the beginning, but tucked it into late-night time slots," the article begins.

"The program has persisted, despite a sometimes-hostile political environment, and has even, in the case of WETA, received a better timeslot." The article mentions some of the financial hardships and budgetary constraints on the show, as well as the program's being targeted by anti-gay politicians as a reason to attack public broadcasting funding. Finally, it ends by noting the importance of the show to its estimated 1.5 million viewers nationwide. "Except for a few characters on broadcast series, and a flurry of interest over whether Ellen DeGeneres' character will come out on *Ellen*, [*In the Life*] is one of the few to provide viewing about gays and lesbians

to people in smaller towns and cities," the story notes.

Please thank the *Washington Post* for an interesting feature on *In the Life*, the many hurdles that the independent lesbian and gay program continues to overcome, and its importance to the population at large.

Contact: Leonard Downie, Editor-in-Chief, *The Washington Post*, 1150 15th Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 20071, e-mail: [web-news@washpost.com](mailto:web-news@washpost.com).

**American Greetings' 'poor' punch line**

Carlton Cards, a division of American Greetings, defames gay and bisexual men in a recent birthday card. The cover of the card features an unhappy birthday boy and carries the message: "BIRTHDAY WARNING ... Never try to save money by reusing candles that have already been wished on ... or you might get someone else's wish. Take poor Norman here ..." The inside caption reads "... He lost 25 pounds, got skinny thighs, has no facial hair, and gets asked out by cute guys all the time! Happy Birthday."

This supposedly humorous card warns us that "poor" sad Norman should be unhappy with his second-hand birthday wish. Playing on the banal supposition that poor Norman received something undesirable like getting "asked out by cute guys" is unfunny and homophobic.

Write Carlton Cards/American Greetings and tell them your birthday wish is that they stop making lesbian and gay Americans bear the brunt of their decidedly un-American greetings.

Contact: Sue Holiday, Consumer Affairs, American Greetings, 1 American Rd, Cleveland, OH 44144 or fax her at 216.252.6493.

**HBO drops the ball on cross-dressing Hoover movie**

According to Variety, HBO has temporarily halted production of a movie portraying the late FBI director J. Edgar Hoover as a cross-dresser who had an affair with his right-hand man Clyde Tolson. Unable to resolve these issues brought out in Anthony Summers book *Official and Confidential: The Secret Life of J. Edgar Hoover*, the basis for HBO's movie, HBO sources say the production has been moved "from the front to the middle burner," though the network officially declined comment. Summers maintains that he has a "library full of documents and 800 taped interviews" to substantiate his assertions regarding Hoover's sexuality.

Please encourage HBO to develop and produce this story.

Contact: Jeff Bewkes, President and CEO, HBO, 1100 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036, fax: 212.512.5517; WWW feedback form: <http://www.hbo.com/cmp/feedback.html>.

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# ROTC back at CSU, starting in Sonoma

by M.R. Covino

The Reserve Officer Training Corps is back on at least one California State University campus, as administrators begin buckling under to new federal legislation that withdraws federal funding from schools that bar the program because of its discrimination against gays and lesbians.

In December, CSU Sonoma allowed recruiters back on campus because nearly half of the university's students require financial aid and could not attend school without the \$18 to \$20 million the federal government provides.

In California's state capital a decision from CSU President Donald Gerth is expected soon. Gerth has not yet allowed ROTC back on his campus, but the CSU Sacramento (CSUS) academic senate – faced with more than \$50 million in cuts – reluctantly voted to allow Gerth to reverse his decision to ban ROTC from the campus. The faculty senate, 64 elected representatives, and protesters made it clear they resented the edict from the U.S. Department of Defense. Just two years ago they had voted to ban the military pro-

gram for being in violation of the CSU anti-discrimination policy, which includes gays and lesbians.

For CSUS, \$37.3 million in student aid and \$13.3 in academic enrichment and research grants are at risk. Gerth met in Washington D.C. with representatives from the Department of Defense and the Department of Education, where he received conflicting information with Pentagon officials threatening to cut off all federal funding to CSUS unless he reverses his decision. They would not say when they would take action. Federal education officials said the DOD could not act until spring because there are no regulations in place to enforce a funding-cutting order.

Gerth said the university has been placed in "a classic moral dilemma," with the choice being to maintain the well-being of the 42 percent of the student body that receives financial aid or to hold the line against programs that discriminate against some students.

"We should make everyone aware that ROTC is in violation of our anti-discrimination policy. We do not have them on this campus voluntarily, but by force," said

math professor Richard Cleveland.

Louis Camera, Director of Student Activities at CSUS and national Executive Director of Delta Lambda Phi, said, "Right now everything we have from the feels is verbal, we need to see something substantive in writing." Camera also denounced the politicking that went into the regulation's passage. "The Federal sanctions against universities was not a single standing issue," she noted. "The Solomon rider was attached to a welfare bill and shoved down the Democrats' throats."

## A loaded gun

"When you have a conflict like this between the Department of Defense and the Department of Education you have pure and simple blackmail," Camera told the B.A.R. "Unfortunately, the DOD is holding a loaded gun against the university president's head, and we know they have the ammunition and the destructive mentality to use it."

"This is a clear example of how homophobia can hurt everybody – the military's homophobia now extends to innocent students who need financial aid."

Camera denounced the mili-

tary's attitudes and misunderstandings about gays and lesbians.

"I really need to know what they're talking about when they refer to 'the good of the service' [as justification for discharging homosexual servicemembers]," she said. "It wasn't gay men or lesbians in the military who embarrassed and shamed the Navy with Tailhook, it wasn't gay men or lesbians in the military who were involved in the sexual harassment and rape of female recruits in an ongoing investigation. Gay and lesbian people are not doing all of that kinky sexual stuff to bring shame and dishonor upon the military, so just what kind of message are we telling our young people?"

"Are we saying we'll pay your way to a college education and give you military training so you can serve your country, and oh by

the way, you can get all that and coerce, sexually harass and rape troops who are under your care just so we don't catch you – but by God we'd better not find out you're queer or you're outa here?"

Gerth claims that the Sacramento and San Jose campuses have been targeted by the military as test cases of the new policy. CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz has said he is reluctant to step in but is watching developments. Munitz and the Board of Trustees have ultimate authority over CSU campuses.

Last week, Munitz said, "I see this as one of the ultimate tests of the decentralized governance with the campuses."

"Anyone can join in the decision-making when it's easy and abstract – this is where it gets tough."

Gerth is expected to make a final decision this month. ▼

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improper" in itself.

"What is improper is the use of organs already defined as inappropriate for sexual contact. Is this clear?"

Not really, says Buddhist AIDS Project co-founder Steve Peskind – and he points out that he's not seeking validation or official permission from the Buddhist religious leader to be gay or to have gay sex.

"Many people, including gay people, come to Buddhism as a refuge from the sexual proscriptions of fundamentalist religions. Unfortunately, these comments by the Dalai Lama encourage external and internal homophobia and the oppression of homosexual behavior," Peskind said in the January newsletter of the Gay Buddhist Fellowship.

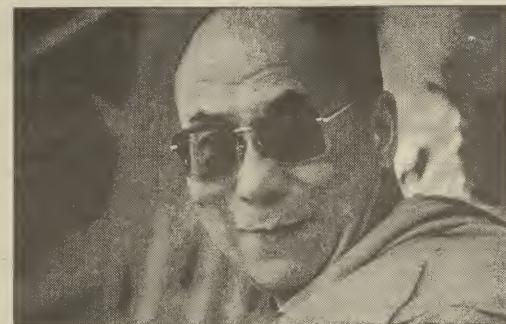
"Many who regard this 'simple Buddhist monk,' as he refers to himself, very highly, are confused and distressed by the inconsistency of his statements and their worldwide ramifications," he said.

**Open dialogue**

Buddhist scholar and associate professor of philosophy at the Denver, Colorado-based Iliff School of Theology, Dr. Jose Cabezon told the *Bay Area Reporter* that Peskind was calling for "an open dialogue" about homosexuality.

"I'm not saying that I see the ambiguities in the Dalai Lama's position. I'm saying that Steve sees some ambiguities in the Dalai Lama's position. I think what he's calling for is an open dialogue about the issue, and I think there's nothing wrong with that."

Cabezon begged off comment-



Dalai Lama: "What is improper is the use of organs already defined as inappropriate for sexual contact. Is this clear?"

ing about the controversies without reviewing the relevant Tibetan Buddhist texts and the source material used by the Dalai Lama.

But, he said, Buddhist literature itself is often ambiguous about the issue.

Buddhist scholar Dr. Steven Goodman, who currently teaches at CIIS, said while there are efforts to "bring the issue to a thematic point," the Dalai Lama had been very clear over the last 40 years and has "worked in a very ecumenical way to empower a variety of minority and marginalized groups and address all kinds of social issues."

So the religious leader should address the issue and clear up the confusion once and for all, according to Bob Hass, the former editor of the Gay Buddhist Fellowship newsletter.

With a readership of 600 around the world, the GBF newsletter serves as a kind of lifeline for gay Buddhist practitioners, including isolated practitioners in prisons in Malaysia, Nepal, and mainland China, although the readership is primarily U.S.-based.

Hass says that when the Dalai Lama makes public pronouncements, people around the world tend to listen very carefully – including lesbian and gay Buddhists.

"I definitely think this issue needs to be addressed because of his position in the Buddhist world," he said.

As in other religious traditions, homosexuality is a controversial topic in many Buddhist groups. While there are a handful of openly gay and lesbian Western Buddhist teachers, they are usually found in non-Tibetan lineages, such as Japanese and Korean Zen traditions, although some can be found in Tibetan practice lines – including ordained and celibate – as well as non-celibate Lamas and yogis.

**'Atmosphere of permission'**

Jeffrey Hopkins, the longtime University of Virginia Tibetan Buddhist scholar who served as primary translator for the Dalai Lama from 1979-1989, is an openly gay man. While he acknowledges that some Tibetan political and religious figures "are freaked out" about his sexuality, he told the *Bay Area Reporter* that he does not believe the Dalai Lama is personally anti-gay – and that his opinions and counsel are not religious or theological commandments.

"I'm sure that he's not homophobic," Hopkins said. "And he doesn't have that sort of authority to make broad edicts. He's not a like a Pope in that respect."

Hopkins said that the basis of the Dalai Lama's teaching of compassion and non-violence is "not harming." And while the Dalai Lama may have been reiterating "traditional Buddhist teachings," Hopkins said his personal views may be expressed in more casual contexts.

"I'm not saying that let's him off the hook, but he's said exactly what the tradition says," Hopkins told the *B.A.R.*

International Lesbian and Gay Human Rights Commission executive director Julie Dorf expressed concern about the Dalai Lama's reiteration of 2,500-year-old teachings forbidding oral and anal sex – and said that the human rights group also "respectfully asked" for reconsideration of their possible contribution to "contemporary heterosexism and homophobia," especially in the light of current religious fundamentalism.

However, Dorf also pointed out the Dalai Lama's contributions to social justice and world peace must not go unrecognized in the controversy.

"We respectfully and gratefully acknowledge the numerous times that the Dalai Lama himself, many Buddhist leaders, and the Free Tibet movement have been courageous and outspoken allies to the gay and lesbian community and our struggle for justice."

Nevertheless, anti-violence experts believe that institutional homophobia in religious and other social groups is more dangerous than any other form.

"It's very powerful psychologically for a gay man or lesbian to have someone say that who you are is not acceptable. It creates an atmosphere of permission for violent acts – against oneself or others," said Jill Trevor, director of Intergroup Clearinghouse, a local hate violence reduction group.

"Statistics show that pronouncements against gays and lesbians do translate out into violence," Trevor said.

**'A lot want his time'**

According to CIIS special events director Bob Duchman, there's a fat chance that the Dalai Lama will be able to meet with Peskind or other lesbian and gay Buddhist leaders when he comes.

"The chances of his meeting with anybody are about zero, his schedule is so packed. Just so you know that. A lot of people want some of his time," Duchman said.

Peskind, however, said members of the Gay Buddhist Fellowship and the Buddhist AIDS Project are only requesting that the Dalai Lama "in whatever manner and venue he chooses" speak "to the truth" of homosexuality and homosexual behavior.

Representatives for the Dalai Lama did not return repeated *Bay Area Reporter* phone calls for comment on the controversy at press time.

A well-known figure in Buddhist circles, Peskind is also a co-founder of Coming Home Hospice in the Castro and the San Francisco-based Shanti Project.

A caregiver and AIDS counselor since 1981, he is also the editor of the forthcoming *Heart Lessons from the Epidemic: Buddhist Practice and Living With HIV*. ▼

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

## Floods

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morning.

And when the town's water supply was shut down, they hauled it in buckets from a water trailer parked across the street.

Customers were pleased to have a spot where they could meet with friends and escape their cabin fever. Some, like Rio Nido resident Mike Reilly, even boated over flooded River Road to reach the cafe.

"I risked life and limb to paddle in here for a cup of coffee," he joked.

Young's resolve in the face of Mother Nature's mayhem typifies the response of most river residents to the recurring floods that have inundated the area five times in a dozen years. With this most recent flood literally water under the bridge, they are putting their lives back together again.

Monday morning, just ten days after weather forecasters first warned that a series of tropical rainstorms could cause flooding along the river, construction zone signs had sprouted like toadstools, and locals were reading the fine print on their insurance policies under sparkling blue skies.

Fortunately, good emergency planning, lower river levels, and the elevation of many structures that were damaged in the twin floods of 1995 will make recovery from the New Year's Day flood much easier than from its predecessors.

The rainstorms were lighter than expected, and the river level rose to only 43.9 feet at the Guerneville Bridge, about four feet less than the 1995 floods.

Businesses along Guerneville's Main Street were spared, as were many of the homes that flooded last time around. Some shops had reopened by the time the roads were clear, and others, such as Coffee Bazaar and the Rainbow Cattle Company, never closed at all.

But there was some serious damage, and, as in past floods, many residents lost their homes.

According to a spokesperson for the Sonoma County Office of Emergency Services, 140 people were evacuated to Red Cross shelters, and hundreds of others waited out the storm with friends and relatives. Estimated property loss based on initial surveys is approximately \$40 million, with 490 homes damaged and a smaller number uninhabitable.

## PWAs evacuated

Face to Face, the AIDS services organization with an office in Guerneville, evacuated 20 clients who were at risk for flooding or medical problems, and put them up in Santa Rosa motels during the flood.

At press time, all but three of the evacuees had returned home or made other housing arrangements. Spokesperson Leslie Hansen said Face to Face will have to help some clients find new housing and replace their damaged household items.

Among the gay-owned businesses and gay-oriented resorts, many escaped the flood waters completely and others will reopen as early as this weekend.

"Guerneville, without a doubt, has come out of this flood much better than any other flood," said Russian River Chamber of Commerce president Nancy Van Praag.

Her own fast food place, Breeze Inn Barbecue on the Rio Nido strip, went under during the floods of 1995. But she and her partner Dolores are relieved that their new location on Main Street,

now called the Brew Moon, remained high and dry.

"Come up and spend your money," advised Farmhouse Inn manager Kathy McCave, who said an infusion of tourists' dollars could help the business community get back on its feet.

In Guerneville, the Highlands Resort, Paradise Cove, Applewood Inn, and Fern Grove were out of harm's way. At The Willows, workers were still mopping up the flooded basement, but the resort remained open for business.

Fife's suffered the most extensive damage, despite the elevation of its main building following the 1995 floods. Co-owner David Cole said all 51 of the resort's structures suffered some water damage, but he expects recovery to be much faster this time.

"It's too early to make any predictions, but we're going to come back much sooner," he said.

At the Triple R, the pool was still filled to the brim with murky river water, but the interior of the main building appeared sparkling clean and ready to go.

"We have no structural damage," said manager Rob Morgan. "We'll open the bar in two weeks and have the rest of the place up and running in a month."

A trio of gay-owned business-

es on Mill Street were flooded, but two of them, Wood Craft and Wicker and Mill Street Gifts and Antiques, are planning to reopen.

In Forestville, McCave says three rooms and the main building are open at the Farmhouse Inn, and she expects to have the rest of the cabins operational by the middle of the month.

## Damage downriver

Farther downriver in Monte Rio, damage to businesses ranged from minimal to serious.

The Rio Villa took water in only two cabins and remains open for business. The Village Inn, which had just reopened after two years of remodeling following the 1995 storms, was flooded in its bottom story. Co-owner Adel Rusinowski says the big difference this year is that the restaurant and kitchen were relocated to the second floor. She expects to reopen this weekend.

The hardest hit was the Rio Dell. Co-owner Anthony Patchett said that this is the third time he has remodeling the place in as many floods. Sitting on the front steps of his brightly painted turn-of-the-century resort, he was waxing philosophical about the continuing twistings of fate.

When asked why he keeps



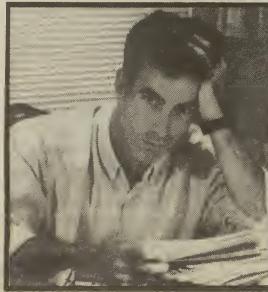
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Water-logged: Vehicles stranded by the Russian River overflow.

coming back again for more, he explained that he is originally from Los Angeles and had chosen the Russian River for his new home because he was tired of city life. He likes country living, and

he plans to stick it out as long as he can.

"I'll continue to do this until they throw me out of here, because I love what I'm doing and I love the river area," he said. ▼



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# Tsenin arranges clients with Parsley

by Dennis Conkin

Well-known openly gay attorney Walter Parsley will take over the law practice of newly-elected Municipal Court Judge Kay Tsenin, according to a January 3 joint announcement.

Tsenin is precluded from the private practice of law because of her election as a judge, and must either make formal motions to withdraw as attorney for her clients or arrange for substitution of attorney for pending cases.

Tsenin was elected to a six-year term on November 5 by a nearly 20-point victory over former San Francisco Democratic Party chairman and Deputy City Attorney Matthew Rothschild. The post pays \$92,000 a year.

"There's a certain sadness to closing my practice, but Walter's a wonderful person and an excellent attorney. He really cares about people," Tsenin said. "I've known him for more than a decade."

"I didn't want to sell my practice, I wanted my clients to have someone who really cared about them. So I'm giving my practice to Walter."

Parsley, 37, is a 1984 graduate of Golden Gate University Law



Rick Gerharter

Attorney Walter Parsley.

"I've been in San Mateo for three years, and I'm excited about getting back to the city. My heart is in San Francisco and in the San Francisco lesbian and gay community," Parsley said. "Even though San Mateo is just 20 miles away, that's like light years — there's a big difference."

Well-known for his lesbian and gay community law practice — including civil litigation and representation of a gay man who was a bystander injured by police during the October 6, 1989 police action in the Castro — Parsley has also represented gay men entrapped on sex solicitation charges by undercover police in San Mateo County rest stop incidents.

For the last three years, Parsley has specialized in representing corporate clients, which he said was an interesting switch from a community-based law practice.

"Some people might think of it as a sell-out, but for me it was an opportunity to look at law from another side," he said.

Tsenin's 24-year-old practice primarily centered around estate planning, landlord-tenant law, and personal injury cases. ▼



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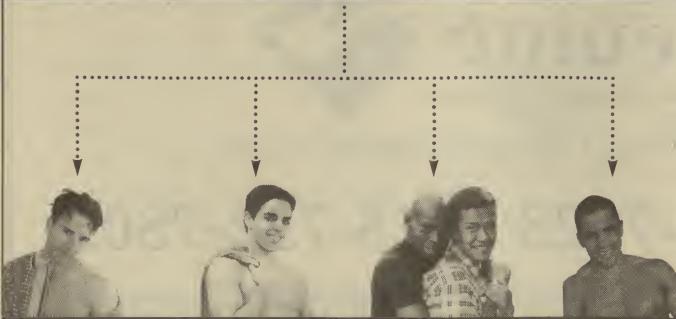
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by Cynthia Laird

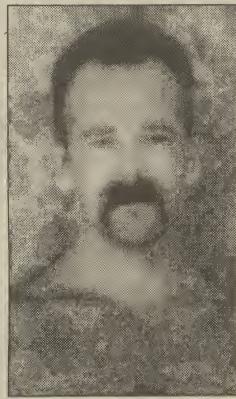
**G**ay prison activist Brian Patrick Carmichael's efforts to gain release from the state prison at Tehachapi continue to crawl along in the massive bureaucracy of the California Department of Corrections (CDC). However, he is more optimistic now that a Kern County judge has ordered the state Attorney General's office to respond to claims that he was denied due process after being taken into custody, and other issues surrounding his parole revocation in connection with an alleged sodomy charge last year.

Despite a lack of evidence and witnesses linking Carmichael to the charge, brought by a former resident of a Southern California sober living program under his management, Carmichael was sentenced to one year in prison at a state Board of Prison Terms (BPT) hearing last October.

Carmichael had ordered Trevor Piotrowski, the complainant who has since absconded and left the state, to leave the sober living program because of Piotrowski's continued drinking. Within hours of Piotrowski leaving the program, authorities picked Carmichael up and accused him of taking part in a drugging and gang-rape of Piotrowski that allegedly took place on July 19, 1996.

Carmichael has steadfastly denied the charges. Medical personnel who examined Piotrowski reported he tested positive for methamphetamine and there was no physical evidence to support his story about the alleged gang-rape. The story of Carmichael's arrest and initial parole revocation was reported in the October 3, 1996 issue of the Bay Area Reporter.

Since last October, Carmichael has been actively working to get released from the California Correctional Institution at Tehachapi so that he can get on with his life.



Brian Patrick Carmichael.

Initially, Carmichael was housed at the prison in Chino. He was suddenly transferred to the Tehachapi facility on October 4.

Angel Palmer, Carmichael's best friend for the last 17 years, has served as a source of support for him during often bleak periods inside the prison walls.

The positive thing is that Brian's appeal was accepted, and a judge wants to know why Brian's there [in prison]. His parole agent's been trying to get him out as well," Palmer told the B.A.R.

Several years ago Carmichael fought to improve healthcare access for HIV-positive inmates when he was imprisoned at the state penitentiary at Vacaville.

Palmer said Carmichael came out as a gay man while in prison: not an easy thing to do.

Being back in prison after he was successfully rebuilding his life has been difficult for Carmichael. Before his parole was revoked, Carmichael had been helping others and managing the sober living program in Garden Grove, California. The program's executive director was one of several witnesses who testified on behalf of Carmichael during the BPT hearings that led to his one-year sentence.

**'I am innocent'**

In several letters to the B.A.R., Carmichael has expressed complete frustration at the CDC's massive bureaucracy and believes officials have a personal vendetta against him; thus the endless delays for hearings, and being sent to solitary confinement for nearly a month, to name just two things he has had to survive.

"I am innocent and I will be released soon," Carmichael wrote. "So, five months into this, I've done more than 75,000 push-ups, read more than 40 books, written more than 100 letters... I'm doing okay."

And according to Palmer, things have started to look a little brighter for Carmichael.

Last October, he filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus, and in November, Kern County Superior Court Judge Kenneth C. Twisselman II found good cause was shown as to several of his claims. Habeas corpus is a writ ordering a person in custody to be brought before a court, placing the burden of proof on those detaining the person to justify the detention.

Twisselman found first that Carmichael was denied due process when, after CDC officials took him into custody last July, they did not inform him in writing of the reason for detainment within seven days. Additionally, Carmichael was not provided, prior to his parole revocation hearing, notice of the time, date, and place of the hearing.

Third, Twisselman ruled that Carmichael was denied the assistance of counsel at his parole revocation hearing. Finally, the judge found that the evidence presented at the revocation hearing did not support the decision to revoke Carmichael's parole.

Twisselman had given the state until December 19 to file a response to the petition. However, on December 18, Joan W. Cavanagh, supervising deputy attorney general, requested an extension to January 18, citing among other reasons her "previously planned vacation from December 26, 1996, through January 5, 1997."

Palmer said that as of B.A.R. press time, Twisselman had not ruled on the extension request. He did, however, decide that Carmichael could file a denial with the court. Palmer said that decision itself is worth noting because judges don't usually make such determinations.

"The judge hasn't ruled on the [state's] extension request yet, but he gave Brian a chance to respond, and the judge is looking at it [the case] impartially," Palmer said, adding she doesn't know when the judge will decide on the

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# PWA prisoner released

## Flood of support for compassionate release

by Cynthia Laird

**A**MADERA COUNTY Superior Court judge reluctantly signed an order December 11 releasing Linda Cortez, a prisoner at the Central California Women's Facility (CCWF) in Chowchilla who is dying of AIDS-related infections. Cortez will be spending her last days with her mother in L.A., according to Judy Greenspan of the HIV/AIDS in Prison Project of Catholic Charities of the East Bay.

Cortez's case was first brought to Judge Edward Moffat in August by the California Department of Corrections (CDC). On August 23, Moffat denied Cortez's compassionate release, despite its approval by the state prison administration. Women's groups and prisoner advocates then launched a statewide campaign for reconsideration directed at the judge.

The HIV/AIDS in Prison Pro-

ject and Women's Positive Legal Action Plan (PLAN) led Cortez's compassionate release campaign, generating hundreds of letters of support.

"Judge Moffat was so taken aback by the community support that he mentioned the letters in his release order and tried to downplay their significance," said Cynthia Chandler, director of Women's PLAN. "He reluctantly signed the order granting Cortez's release when he realized that everyone else, including the district attorney and the prison officials, was in favor of it."

Moffat wrote in his order to release Cortez, "The Court has come to the conclusion that release would be appropriate in that it appears that no one opposes her release except me. So I feel if no one else cares, why should I be an obstacle?"

"Actually, many of us do care," Greenspan said in response to Moffat's order. "That's why we have been fighting so hard to get

the judge to reconsider. Cortez's release is critical because her health has severely deteriorated over the past two weeks."

According to a recent medical report, Cortez is completely blind in both eyes and suffers from brain lesions.

Greenspan said that in her opinion, Moffat's attitude typifies judicial ignorance and misunderstanding of the compassionate release program. She said the HIV/AIDS in Prison Project is wholeheartedly supporting Assembly Bill 29 introduced in early December by Assemblyman Antonio Villaraigosa, D-Los Angeles, which would codify the compassionate release process for dying prisoners into state law.

"Now that Linda [Cortez's] campaign has succeeded, we must fight to win the compassionate release of Patty Contreas, another woman prisoner in Chowchilla dying of AIDS-related complications," Chandler said. ▼

### Prison activist

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30-day extension request.

Carmichael filed his typed motion for summary judgment with the court on December 29. The document details what he calls stall tactics by the CDC and attorney general's office to proceed with his case. One example, he said, is Cavanagh's request for an additional 30 days, in part because Carmichael's central file "is now at the California Correctional Institutions (CCI) in Tehachapi so is not readily accessible for review..."

"There is nothing new about the location of Petitioner's [Carmichael's] central file - it has been at CCI for nearly three months, since the Petitioner was transferred there on October 4, 1996," Carmichael wrote in his motion. "Furthermore, there is absolutely nothing in Petitioner's central file, relevant or relating to the parole revocation process, that is not contained in the body of the petition itself and the attached exhibits."

Palmer said another aspect of Carmichael's motion involves a tape-recording of a September 10, 1996 parole revocation hearing that the BPT was unable to locate until December 17 - just two days before the December 19 deadline.

"On that tape, Brian's parole agent Jan Moorehead is saying that she didn't find the alleged victim [Piotrowski] credible and that her supervisor ordered her to call for the hearing," Palmer said.

She added that on October 24, 1996, Carmichael formally re-

quested copies of tapes from the September 10, 1996 and October 1, 1996 hearings. This request is part of Carmichael's exhibits that he filed with his motion.

#### Disrespect for snooters

Fighting this battle of motions and petitions isn't the only thing Carmichael has had to contend with - in December his prison sentence was increased by 90 days because he was found "guilty of modified charges" for disrespect toward staff. The incident in question occurred on November 4, when Carmichael alleged that correctional officers were reading his confidential legal mail. He made an expletive comment to the guard and was charged with "resisting staff."

That got Carmichael sent immediately to "administrative segregation" (solitary confinement), where he remained until December 10. A subsequent hearing held at the prison on December 1 cleared Carmichael of the "resisting staff" charge, but found he violated prison regulations by uttering the expletive comment at a staff member.

Carmichael was also assessed 30 days credit forfeiture and lost use of the dayroom, family visits, hobby, and special purchase privileges for 90 days, according to the CDC rules violation report.

Ed McNair, a supervising deputy commissioner for the BPT's Northern California region, told the B.A.R. that the 90 days added to Carmichael's sentence is not unusual, despite the prison hearing's determination

Carmichael was "guilty of modified charges." A BPT revocation decision form states there was "good cause" to charge Carmichael with "resisting staff," a more serious charge than "disrespect toward staff."

"It doesn't automatically follow that if the institution finds 'not guilty' then the BPT will find 'not guilty,'" McNair said. ▼

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## AIDS housing to be debated at HIV planning council meeting Monday

by Cynthia Laird

**A**IDS housing programs and related services in San Francisco are expected to be the focus of the Mayor's HIV Health Services Planning Council meeting this Monday, January 13. Discussion will likely center on recommendations from the council's recently formed ad-hoc subcommittee on housing, as well as on money from two federal programs - Ryan White CARE and HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS) - and how those funds are to be spent for housing programs.

Of particular interest is the possibility of some CARE-funded rental subsidy contracts and emergency housing contracts being rolled over to HOPWA, which is administered by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. According to 1996 figures, \$2,202,594 in CARE funds was designated for the housing subsidy category, although that figure does not include funds for supportive services and administration. HOPWA dollars account for another \$2,150,538 in subsidy funding.

Both CARE and HOPWA funds are used to provide AIDS housing. CARE funds primarily fund support services and rental subsidies, and HOPWA money is mainly used for construction of housing projects. Last year, CARE funds were used to provide 378

housing subsidies, while HOPWA funds provided 299 subsidies.

As of September 1996, 3,543 of the 4,149 people with AIDS on the Centralized Housing and Information Placement Service (CHIPS) wait list for housing had requested a rental subsidy. CHIPS was developed to provide more equitable and coordinated access to AIDS housing. However, some critics of the program maintain it has become nothing more than a waiting list for people.

Because the CARE funds have decreased for the forthcoming funding cycle, but HOPWA funds have not, some planning council members are looking at moving the housing subsidy contracts to the HOPWA program. Although HOPWA regulations are more restrictive, advocates of the proposal argue that the regulations could be examined if an issue arises.

The ad-hoc committee, which met January 7, is expected to recommend reducing the amount of HOPWA funds that will roll over to CARE in July, from \$1.5 million to about \$770,000.

Monday's planning council meeting is open to the public, and there will be an opportunity for people to speak. Public comment is generally one of the earlier agenda items. ▶

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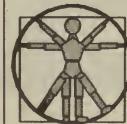
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## Things to do in January

Here are some important meetings you may want to attend this month:

#### Government entities:

**Board of Supervisors**  
January 13, 20, and 27; 3 p.m.  
City Hall  
401 Van Ness Avenue  
(Meets every Monday)  
Info: (415) 554-5184

**Mayor's HIV Health Services Planning Council**  
(formerly known as Ryan White Council)  
January 13\* and 27; 4:30 p.m.  
SF AIDS Foundation  
10 United Nations Plaza, 6th floor  
(Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month)  
Info: (415) 554-9136  
\*Housing issues will be discussed at the January 13 meeting.

**HIV Prevention Planning Council**  
January 15; 2 p.m.

**AIDS Office**  
25 Van Ness, 5th floor  
(Special meeting with Dr. Mitch Katz, director of the AIDS Office)

January 23; 4:30 p.m.  
(Last meeting of the 1996 council)

**Unitarian Church**  
1187 Franklin, at Geary  
(Usually meets the 2nd Thursday of every month, with an occasional meeting on the 4th Thursday; the January 9 meeting has been canceled.)  
Info: (415) 554-9000

#### Health Commission

January 21; 3 p.m.  
SF Department of Public Health  
101 Grove Street, Room 300  
(Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month)  
Info: (415) 554-2666

#### AIDS service organizations:

**SF AIDS Foundation**  
**Board of Directors**  
January 30; 6 p.m.  
10 United Nations Plaza, 6th floor  
SF AIDS Foundation  
Info: (415) 487-3000

#### Party-affiliated groups:

**Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club**  
January 13; 7 p.m.  
Floogies Swamp Cafe  
1686 Market Street, at Haight  
(Meets the 2nd Monday of every month)

**Harvey Milk Democratic Club**  
January 28; 7 p.m.  
Women's Building  
3543 18th Street  
Info: (415) 821-2217 x. 2

**Log Cabin [Republican] Club**  
January 27; 6 p.m.  
Flore d'Italia Restaurant  
601 Union Street  
(Location may be changed. Call first to confirm.)  
Meets the last Monday of every month  
Info: (415) 522-2944

**Lesbians and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action (LGADDA)**  
January 16; 7 p.m.  
507B Divisadero  
(Meets the 3rd Thursday of every month)  
Info: (415) 273-1108

#### Sex club operators:

**Coalition for Healthy Sex**  
January 14; 4:30 p.m.  
SF AIDS office  
25 Van Ness Avenue, 5th floor  
(Meets 2nd Tuesday of every month)

#### Youth organizations:

**BLUR Open House**  
January 11; 6-8 p.m.  
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Second Floor

**Pride & Prejudice**  
January 14, 21 and 28; 6 p.m.  
Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services  
1748 Market Street, Suite 201.  
(Meets every Tuesday)  
Info: Nicole at (415) 565-7681.

**Boy + Boy**  
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# Wilson leaks specifics about '97 AIDS budget

Forty percent funding increase expected

by Dennis Conkin

**S**an Francisco AIDS experts are adopting a wait-and-see attitude about Governor Pete Wilson's proposal to increase the state AIDS budget by an estimated 40 percent, from \$125 million to \$178 million.

Wilson is expected to release specifics of his budget proposal to the state legislature on Thursday, January 9.

"We haven't seen anything. We'll have the information in a couple of days when we get a copy of the budget," said Norm Nickens, deputy director of the San

Francisco Health Department's AIDS Office.

According to reports, Wilson will seek to increase the state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) budget from \$55 million to an estimated \$100 million.

Wilson seeks to shift \$18 million in federal funds to the state's ADAP program—and ask California cities to turn back a \$12.9 million augmentation in federal AIDS funds to the state.

"It's a good thing that more money will be available for ADAP, but that's because more federal funds are available," said Assemblywoman Carole Migden, who chairs the Assembly's powerful

Appropriations Committee.

"There could be a cutback in state funds. We don't want our local allocations to suffer, though, because of shifting revenues."

"At first blush it looks good," said San Francisco Supervisor Tom Ammiano, "but when you look into it, it's not as great as it seems. We'll have to wait and see."

## Decreases and expansions

San Francisco could be hard hit under the Governor's proposals after last year's estimated \$6 million decrease in federal AIDS funds, Ammiano cautioned. Other proposed increases include \$2.1 million expansion of street-based outreach AIDS education programs and HIV testing, because of a rise in the number of intravenous drug users contracting AIDS.

Other programs that Wilson seeks to fund are research projects to determine the effectiveness of anti-retroviral drugs on HIV, and a new test for detection of HIV.

AIDS advocates and providers say that Wilson has been mum on the specifics until the budget is released.

"No one really knows. We don't have the figures yet. He didn't mention it in his State of the State speech," said Randy Allgaier of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. ▼

## Register early for Women and HIV Conference

by Cynthia Laird

An estimated 300 to 400 people are expected to attend the fifth annual Women and HIV Conference scheduled for January 30-31 in San Francisco. Interested people who register by Wednesday, January 15 can save \$25, conference organizers said.

Lisa Higdon, with the San Francisco STD/HIV Prevention Training Center, said the Women and HIV Conference is one of the few forums in the nation that exclusively addresses the concerns of women and HIV.

"It's a chance for providers and women with HIV to come together," Higdon told the B.A.R.

The conference is intended for physicians, nurse practitioners, social workers, health educators, outreach workers, and other health professionals, Higdon added.

Speakers will address a variety of topics during plenary sessions each day of the event. Dr. Sandra Hernandez, director of health, will talk about the state of healthcare for women with HIV, and Anne Donnelly, public policy director at Project Inform, will discuss access to drugs.

Afternoon "breakout" sessions will give participants a chance to learn about specific concerns, including sex after HIV, and a MTF and FTM transgender workshop. Youth issues will be featured along with a session about lesbians, bisexuals, and HIV. ▼

For registration forms or more information, call the STD/HIV Prevention Training Center at (415) 554-9630 or fax to (415) 554-9636. The conference will be held at the Ramada Hotel, on Market Street between Eighth and Ninth streets.

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## Early registration urged at 9th Nat'l AIDS Update Conference

**March 18-22 in SF**

by Cynthia Laird

Recent advances against HIV and AIDS have come so fast in the last year it is hard for many people to grasp it all. For three days in March, the Ninth National AIDS Update Conference in San Francisco will be a source of information and a forum for discussion and dialogue for those who work with and are affected by the epidemic. Early registration discounts available until Tuesday, January 21 provide access to youths and people with HIV for less than \$100, and at greatly reduced rates for others.

This year's theme, "Charting a New Course in an Uncertain Environment," reflects the new, somewhat more hopeful perspective marked by advances over the past year. The conference will aim to provide a broad range of HIV and AIDS healthcare, education, and service providers with the information needed to reshape existing systems in response to a changing epidemic.

Mayor Willie Brown will also convene an AIDS Summit in conjunction with the AIDS Update Conference. The summit, featuring the nation's leading experts on AIDS policy, is designed to keep San Francisco "ahead of the curve" in terms of delivery of AIDS care and services.

Conference organizers said the event will include five tracks: prevention and education; policy and administration; care and services; treatment and health; and adolescents and young people. Each track will focus on conference objectives as they relate to the specific area of interest. Cultural issues will be integrated throughout each conference track.

Conference objectives will include an emphasis on the following HIV-related issues:

- New research and recent advances in clinical management of persons with HIV infection.

- Effective prevention and education options.

- Early intervention, including counseling, testing, and case management services.

- The emerging role of health care providers in the new era of HIV infection as a chronic disease.

- HIV-related ethical, legal, administrative, and policy issues.

- Issues related to specific populations affected.

- New questions of access and treatment financing, long-term care, and housing for HIV-infected persons.

- Recently proposed legislative changes in health care.

- Alternative therapies.

Planners anticipate more than 80 workshops will be held at the conference. The topics cover an array of issues, including: gay men and HIV prevention, recruiting African-American church leaders as AIDS advocates, housing issues

today, Chinese medicine and HIV care and treatment, and legal and ethical issues in HIV testing of youth.

In addition to the many workshops, other events are planned as well. They include a theatre festival dedicated to HIV/AIDS-related themes that will take place daily, an opening reception on March 18, and a gala conference reception on March 20. There will also be roundtable talks each day of the conference and screenings of contemporary HIV/AIDS-related films scheduled during the event.

### The costs

The discounted cost for the conference is \$215 per person. People with HIV/AIDS and youth (under 25) can attend for \$75. After January 21, the costs increase to \$275 and \$100 respectively. The cost for the intensive workshop also increases to \$100. There is continuing education credit available for \$35 for physicians, nurses, social workers, and health educators.

Additionally, there is a separate "intensive workshop" session Tuesday, March 18. For an extra \$75 (\$100 after January 21), people can attend one of 10 workshops. Topics include HIV behind bars, HIV and the immune system, social work: trends and issues, and substance abuse.

Some of the invited speakers for the conference include Brown; AIDS activist Jeff Getty; Dr. Marcus Conant of the Conant Medical Group; Dr. Mervyn Silverman, president of American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR); Dr. Sandra Hernandez, director of health for San Francisco; Dr. Ron Stall, associate professor at the Center of AIDS Prevention Studies at UCSF; Pat Norman, executive director of the Institute for Community Health Outreach; Miguel Martinez-Bustos, youth and AIDS advisor for the White House; and Nathan Linsk, of the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center in Chicago.

Dr. Mary Pittman, president of the Hospital Research and Educational Trust of the American Hospital Association in Chicago, and Paul Kawata, executive director of the National Minority AIDS Council in Washington D.C., are co-chairs of the AIDS Update Conference. Cliff Morrison, assistant dean of the School of Nursing at the University of California, San Francisco, will serve as conference program director.

Registration is not accepted by telephone, and conference space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. The conference will be held at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium, located at 99 Grove Street. ▼

For a registration packet or for more information, call KREBS Convention Management Services at (415) 255-1297.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

# PUC, DPH: SF water is safe, no crypto threat because of floods

Leal asks PUC, DPH to reassure the public

by Cynthia Laird

**D**espite the recent heavy rains and flooded conditions throughout Northern California, San Francisco's drinking water supply remains normal and safe, officials from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and Department of Public Health (DPH) announced Tuesday, January 7.

Two years ago after similar flooding occurred, some people believed contaminated water supplies caused an outbreak of cryptosporidium that resulted in people who suffered from AIDS becoming seriously ill.

Cryptosporidium, a single-cell oocyst, or shelled parasite, can be transmitted through contact with animals or other humans or through contaminated community water sources. It causes diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea, and vomiting; in some instances it becomes fatal, particularly to those who have compromised immune systems, such as people with AIDS.

On Monday, January 6, Supervisor Susan Leal called for the city PUC and DPH each to issue a public announcement regard-

ing the safety of San Francisco's water supply.

"I have asked the appropriate city departments to treat this like any other public health issue - to investigate the situation and to issue a public statement regarding the safety of our water supply," Leal said.

She got her request the next day.

"Despite heavy rains that have strained the storage capacity of Hetch Hetchy reservoirs near Yosemite National Park, drinking water quality remains normal and continues to meet all state and federal drinking water quality regulations," said a statement issued by the PUC.

#### Additional sampling

Health Director Dr. Sandra Hernandez also discussed the issue at Tuesday's Health Commission meeting, including it in her director's report.

"The state Health Department has confirmed that all waters coming to San Francisco are temporarily being routed through the Sunol or Harry Tracy filtration plants. This is an important step to address any concerns the public may have regarding cryptosporidium," Her-

nandez said.

She added that additional sampling will be conducted for bacteriological analysis. There have been no reports of problems made to DPH, Hernandez told the health commission.

Steve Leonard, program manager at the PUC, told the B.A.R. that "Hetch Hetchy was shut off as a precaution a couple of days ago."

"The water supply is safe," Leonard added. "We're using only local sources now."

The switch to locally filtered and treated drinking water came because of increased turbidity in Hetch Hetchy water, where the movement of sediment caused cloudiness. The reservoir will not be used as a water source until the sediment settles and the water becomes clear again.

PUC officials said the changeover to locally stored water went smoothly, with the exception of some brief operational problems at the Harry Tracy Filter Plant Tuesday. They said the problems were quickly corrected.

"At no time was any water released to the public that was below federal and state regulatory standards for public safety," according to Tim Dayonot at the PUC.

DPH officials are reviewing independent monitoring data, along with data from the city, PUC staff added.

Leonard did say, however, that public drinking water supplies, including San Francisco's, are not sterile, but are safe for most people. As a result, those who have weakened immune systems and

who risk serious illness from infection from cryptosporidium may want to check with their physician or health care providers concerning options in their drinking water use, he explained.

Leal said she did not want to cause undue concern; rather, she wanted to reassure city residents, "There may very well be no cause for alarm whatsoever. But, given what happened two years ago, our citizens, especially those with compromised immune systems, have a right to quick access to accurate information."

When problems were experienced in March 1995, water contained elevated levels of cryptosporidium and other contaminants that may not have been properly filtered out of the water supply before it reached San Francisco. ▼

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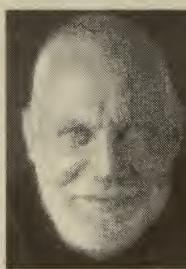
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Jim Trudeau • 11/26/35 - 12/26/96  
 Jim Trudeau died on Thursday, Dec. 26 at the age of 61 from AIDS related pneumonia. He was preceded in death by his long-time partner, Wayne Robert Averill. He is survived by his mother, Gwendolyn Trudeau, his nieces, Tina Kaufman, Teresa Smith, and Cindy Runion, as well as many loving friends.

Jim was blessed with a boisterous spirit and generous heart that distinguished him as a best friend, a loving son, and most beloved uncle that ever graced this earth. Memorial info: 552-2581, 673-1284

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Deadline for all obituaries is Monday at 5 p.m.



Deschene of Pittsburgh, Calif.; his father and stepmother, Fred and Eleanor Dale; brother and sister, Ralph Dale and Sue Rogala, all of Rhode Island; and countless dear friends.

Ken was a native of Central Falls, R.I., and a graduate of the University of Rhode Island in the School of Resource Development. Ken moved to the Bay Area in 1984 from Kansas City, Mo., where he taught inner city high school students. As a gas safety engineer for Heath Consultants Western Division, he was responsible for safety surveys of underground utilities, sales and technical support for company equipment.

Ken's charismatic personality and wit brought out the best in everyone. Farewell, *mon petit chou*; until we meet again.

A memorial celebration will be held Saturday, January 18, at 11 a.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 3200 Harbor St./Atlantic Ave. in Pittsburg, Calif. His ashes will be buried beside his mother, Doris Dale, in Rhode Island. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to DVAC, 2253 Concord Blvd., Concord, CA 94520.

**Timothy Donovan**  
 May 12, 1951 - Oct. 28, 1996

Beloved soulmate of the late Phil Mathis. He died of internal bleeding. He is survived by his sister, Michelle of Florida, and two brothers, Patrick and Dan of Colorado.

**Allen John Marco**  
 "John Marco"  
 July 3, 1954 - Dec. 20, 1996

Allen John Marco ("John Marco"), 42, died a lucid and peaceful death, surrounded by his friends, from AIDS-related complications at 2 p.m. Friday, December 20, at Palm Drive Hospital, Sebastopol, Calif. John was born in Webster, S.D., and relocated eventually to West Sonoma County, where he lived for approximately 10 years. He served in the U.S. Navy and later worked in the aerospace industry; more recently, he was involved in the landscaping business.

John is survived by his 17-year-old son, Nicholas, who resides with his mother, Cynthia Silva, in Manteo, Calif. He is also survived by his mother, lone Marco; brothers, Robert, Donald, Rory, Dennis and Jim; his trusted dog, Laddie; and many close friends.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, January 12, at 2 p.m. at 16999 Fitzpatrick Lane, Occidental, Calif. In the event of rain or for additional information.

mation, contact Dan Ferguson at (707) 869-1584.

John loved life, and expressed it through his gay spirit with such activities as the Radical Faeries, the Billy Club, the Body Electric and the gay men's Zen meditation group of Sonoma County. John was loved by many, and he will be missed.

**Robert (Phil) Mathis**  
 Aug. 22, 1939 - Sept. 10, 1996

Beloved soulmate of Timothy Donovan for 23 years. He died of internal bleeding. He is survived by his mother, sister and brother, all of Southern California.

**Christopher M. Millard**  
 July 16, 1957 - Dec. 30, 1996

Christopher passed peacefully from this earth after a long and valiant battle with AIDS. Chris had lived in Syracuse, N.Y., until the completion of high school. He also lived in Jacksonville, Fla.; Detroit, Mich.; and moved to San Francisco in 1991.

Chris was an employee of Community Rentals until 1995, and touched many people with his friendly smile and warm concern. His love of life will be missed by all who knew him.

Chris is survived by his partner of 16 years, Bob Bergen; mother, Beverly; grandmother, Nan, both of Jacksonville, Fla.; sisters, Maryann of Oxen Hill, Md., and Michelle of Atlanta, Ga.; longtime friend, Clifford McBride; the entire Bergen family; and many friends.

Special thanks are given to Dr. Denis Bouvier, Dr. John Baker, In-Home Support Caregiver Lee Palacio, A.I.S. Nurse Cindy, and the staffs of the Conant Medical Group and the St. Mary's Care Unit for the tender and professional care they gave Christopher.

A celebration of Chris' life will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 6-9 p.m. R.S.V.P. to 415/861-0324 for the location.

**George Ray Peterson Jr.**  
 March 3, 1932 - April 2, 1996

Ray passed on last spring in Sacramento after a brief illness concluded a long struggle with AIDS. A former schoolteacher, he lived for several years in San Francisco, reigning along with his consort Chet at their 19th and Castro residence. After moving back to Sacramento in the mid-80s, he busied himself with his model trains when he wasn't riding real ones. He was the last of the Hot House flowers.

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## DQ fete helps you party with your digits

by Dennis Conkin

**T**he fifth annual fundraiser for the cyberactivist non-profit group Digital Queers will be held from 8:30 p.m. to midnight this Saturday, January 11 at the Center for the Arts, located at 701 Mission Street.

The DQ Party Hut follows the annual U.S. Macworld Exposition at Moscone Center, and will feature a live musical performance by the New York City pop chanteuse trio Betty, plus digerati dance tunes spun by DJ Raul Thomas. The annual schmooze-fest will also boast a silent auction, a never-before-assembled digital art show, and an opportunity for the techno-savvy and neophyte to meet and greet and mingle.

The annual event will benefit many Digital Queers programs, including the Virtual Community Center, according to Scott Walton, the agency's executive director.

VCC is a mega-web site designed to offer nine Bay Area gay and lesbian community centers an easy way to post and share information.

information; on-line training classes and resource materials for queer activists and non-profit groups; plus ongoing consultation and volunteer resources to assist non-profits serving gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people.

"It's a partnership with Horizons Foundation and funded by Pacific Bell," Walton said. "There are between 150-200 queer-serving non-profits in the greater Bay Area; many do not have access to on-line information."

Through the VCC, information about such groups may be listed on-line in several ways, through subject category and location, and will allow on-line users to connect to the websites of those groups for immediate access and more detailed information about their services and volunteer opportunities.

"What we are doing in the Bay Area is creating a template that can be formatted to other geographical areas," Walton said. Eventually the site will become an Internet hub linking local users and groups to other communities around the country.

Since its 1993 launch, DQ has raised more than \$500,000 in cash (and tens of thousands more in computer hardware, software, and consulting donations) to outfit non-profit lesbian and gay groups around the country with computer upgrades.

The agency's priority "computer beauty makeover" focus this year is the 80-member National Association of Lesbian and Gay Community Centers.

"Phase One is going on-line," Walton said. "In some cases that means giving a community center their first computer system because they have none. For some, it's a faster modem. For the LA Lesbian and Gay Community Center, it's creating a LISTSERV for e-mail access."

Tickets for the DQ Party Hut fundraiser are \$35 in advance and \$50 at the door, which includes food and drinks. ▀

For more information or tickets call (415) 339-2020, fax (415) 339-2025 or e-mail [optsevents@microweb.com](mailto:optsevents@microweb.com).

# Studying HAART 'non-responders'

by Rick Loftus

The count was two strikes. Having briefly tried and stopped the drugs saquinavir and ritonavir due to severe side effects, Kevin McCarthy started the only other protease inhibitor on the market, Merck's indinavir (Crixivan). "I can remember the exact day," he recalls. "April 23rd. This time, I didn't have any side effects."

Unfortunately, McCarthy didn't seem to get any activity from the drug, either. His viral load — a measurement of the amount of HIV genetic material in the blood — remained around 220,000 for at least four months. Finally, his count dropped to around 70,000. "I discussed it with my doctor. ... I had pretty much come to the conclusion that my viral load was too high and I needed something else."

Still, Kevin wanted to be sure it was time to switch. "Not wanting to jump ship, I had another [viral load] done, and it came back at 21,000." Apparently, the Crixivan had worked. But most experts would expect a drug like Crixivan to work in four weeks, not four months. Was this a fluke?

AIDS clinicians and patients have shown great excitement in the past year over the arrival of the protease inhibitors. These new drugs form the backbone of potent combination therapy, also called highly-active anti-retroviral therapy (HAART). HAART often results in 100- or even 1000-fold reductions in the viral load. A lower viral load count has been shown to predict slower progression to AIDS in untreated patients; many doctors and patients believe lowering the viral load with drugs will also slow down the disease process.

It has become clear, however, that not everyone responds to the new combinations as they do in the laboratory. Some small portion of HIV-positive people — apparent "non-responders" — do not initially attain even a 2-fold reduction in viral load, despite trying many different combinations of drugs. These patients often seem to be those who have had low CD4+ T-cell counts ( $<100/\text{mm}^3$ ) and substantial viral loads for several years. They also tend to have previous experience on anti-HIV drugs, although this is not always the case.

"Non-responders" (perhaps more accurately called "delayed responders") should not be confused with patients who respond, but quickly fail, protease inhibitor-based HAART combinations. The reasons for failures may be somewhat less mysterious than for delayed responses. Excluding people who cannot take the drugs due to side effects, poor responses might result from not taking the drugs on schedule, which is particularly important for Crixivan. Some people may not absorb the drugs from the gut, leading to inadequate levels in the blood. Finally, some people may have pre-existing drug resistance, either due to previous drug exposures or to simple bad luck. (Certain mutations associated with protease inhibitor resistance are known to occur naturally without previous drug exposure.)

## How common is it?

The existence of delayed responders — and the possibility that they may still benefit from anti-HIV drug treatment — has im-

tant implications for ongoing AIDS research. These atypical responses to HAART cannot be easily explained by the current model of HIV infection developed by Dr. David Ho and colleagues at New York's Aaron Diamond Center. According to the Ho team, the rapid viral load drops and T-cell boosts seen by most patients on HAART indicate an intense rate of HIV reproduction and T-cell destruction and replacement. They believe viral load measures cell-free HIV particles in the blood, and that 99% of these particles are made by newly-infected CD4+ T-cells. By blocking the infection of new cells, HAART results in a 99% drop-off in viral load in as few as seven days.

If the Ho model holds true, why do some people show such a lag in their responses to HAART? Most doctors and researchers would reply, "Drug resistance." But if these patients carry drug-

resistant HIV, their viral loads would be expected to *increase* or hold steady during drug treatment, not eventually go down.

Dr. Steven Deeks, a San Francisco physician with a large AIDS practice, believes the phenomenon of delayed responders is a real, albeit rare phenomenon, accounting for no more than 5% of patients. In comparison, patients who have an initial response to HAART therapy and fail relatively quickly — within a year of starting therapy — may make up another 15-20% of protease

users, he believes.

Deeks believes delayed responders tend to be people with long-term infection, whose virus has had ample time to establish footholds in various body tissues, which become "reservoirs" of virus.

"The kinetics in a patient like that would be very different," says Deeks — meaning that their viral

load response to drug treatment will not look like the classic examples presented by the Ho team. Such patients "can respond to therapy, but they need a lot of coaching," says Deeks, who believes such patients deserve intensive study.

Still, Senechek admits that not all patients respond to treatment the same way, and comments, "Maybe all viral [load] levels are not created equal." Senechek agrees that the establishment and

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# Thinguistics

by Jim Provenzano

To score, to kick butt, to hump some ass, to take them down. Such is the terminology of sport, and obviously, sexual conquest. Jock talk is cock talk. This repartee, perhaps one of the least subtly homoerotic aspects of sports, should be used carefully (see tight end, athletic supporter, passing, receiving end, cup, goal, balls, holes). The encouraging words that lead to victory are also homoerotic, or rape-erotic, for

those who equate male aggressive sexuality with violence. Inclusive in these examples are the long-established names for mascots like Trojans, Warriors, Gamecocks.

In light of such voluptuous verbiage, it would seem redundant to apply a queer aesthetic to such parlance. However, since just about everybody these days wants to get federal funding to "culturally reconstruct" English, herein is my proposal to add our language to the required cultural text of American English Usage: Thinguistics.

The term, originated by hip

New Yorker (of course!) Michael Spier, is all-encompassing and all-inclusive. And in the world of sissy/sporty conflicts, it will help to break down the potentially damaging impact of such male-aggressive terminology commonly used in the arena of sport. Used often enough, in fact, Thinguistics will create world peace! One of the biggest problems in schools today is rampant homophobia, particularly in athletics. Take the case of the gang of San Jose boys who tortured and beat up a 13-year-old classmate. Their lawyer blamed the boys' love of "professional wrestling" as a reason for such psychotic behavior. But we all know the real reason: repressed homosexual tendencies! If they'd only had the guts to have actual healthy sexual experimentation, instead of raping the poor kid, we never would have heard about them!

This is the main reason why many queer kids never get to enjoy the sweaty fun of sports until later on in life. The locker room is ruled by homophobic and lesbophobic closet cases, particularly the gym cadets, who hand out the towels only after you shower and they get to peek at your private parts.

This destructive environment will only change if the terrain of communication is opened up for a multicultural perspective on sports. It is therefore imperative that funds be immediately re-



A locker room with Feng Shui.

sourced to provide instruction in Thinguistics.

While maintaining current grammatical rules, Thinguistics relies on subtle uses of syntax, phrasing and certain gestures of the hand (or wrist), hips (when thrust), and eyebrow (when furled) that further the fully queer, and therefore culturally valid, aspects of a student's viewpoint. Young gay, lesbian, transgender-to-be and questioning athletic kids should not be reprimanded for reversing gender when castigating fellow students or teammates. Example: "She just doesn't have follow-through on her serve!"

Queer students should also be allowed to express their sense of style and taste. Example: "This locker room lacks feng shui!"

Uniforms, while retaining school colors, should be able to conform to the student's own taste. A field hockey uniform redesigned by Donna Karan should not be considered an extravagance.

Once Thinguistics has taken root in schools, it will naturally spread to the mainstream culture, thereby vanquishing homophobia forever. Face it, straight people

and the media do nothing but steal the looks, attitudes and styles of young kids and fags.

Through the proper application of Thinguistics, society as we know it will change for the better. Tune in to *Monday Night Football*, the Thinguistics Version:

DON: Hostettler's defense is really good tonight, don't you think?

MARV: Yes, it is. Don. I think it has something to do with his new lover.

DON: You mean Curtis Blockbutt, the new defensive end?

MARV: Yes, I hear they hit off quite well when they were roommates at this summer's training camp.

DON: If he's as good to him as he was after our last interview, they should be a happy couple.

MARV: Well, those quarterbacks always know how to throw a good orgy.

Naturally, Thinguistics will affect design as well. The tired old "Statue of Liberty" play will be replaced by the "Victoire de Samothrace." Those annoying basketball undergarments will be removed. Basketball shorts will be returned to their original high hemlines. Carl Lewis and Florence Griffith Joyner will be elected as international fashion consultants for all track and field events. Greg Louganis will consult on diving duds. It will be a perfectly fabulous world!

The institution of Thinguistics will facilitate more understanding between gay and non-gay athletes in high schools throughout the nation. We hope to gain your support. Representatives of The Association to Restore Thinguistics, or T.A.R.T., will be collecting signatures for a petition to force our viewpoints on the voting public. Look for our table at a cramped street corner near you. ▼

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burden of HIV in body tissues might be one factor explaining different responses to treatment. Another factor may be the rate at which the virus reproduces — Senechal believes variations in viral genes such as *tat*, *nef*, and *rev* could result in patients having distinct HIV strains that reproduce more or less quickly.

Thus, Senechal hypothesizes that two people with the same viral load might have two very different levels of infection. One person might have a heavy burden of virus throughout lymph tissues, but the virus reproduces slowly. Another person might have less infection of the tissue, but what little virus exists might be reproducing furiously.

### HIV factories

Another take on the "viral reservoir" mystery comes from Dr. Carlos Paya, an AIDS researcher at the Mayo Clinics in Rochester, Minnesota.

"I think the reservoir may not be a particular tissue," says Paya, "but rather a cell, one that is universally found throughout the body." Specifically, Dr. Paya believes HIV may "hide out" in a type of white blood cell called a "monocyte." Monocytes in the blood transform into another type of cell, called macrophages, which creep into tissues. Macrophages are known to be infected by HIV, and unlike T-cells, they do not quickly succumb to

the virus. Instead, HIV-infected macrophages become little factories, producing infectious HIV particles for weeks. Monocyte-derived cells are also found in organs believed to harbor HIV, such as the brain, spleen, and lymph nodes.

Importantly, most classes of anti-HIV agents do not work against chronically-infected macrophages; even protease inhibitors require concentrations 100 times as great as those effective for other cells. Because of the way protease inhibitors work, however, the particles produced might not be infectious. If the infected macrophages do eventually die out, as all cells do, and if the particles they produce do not infect new cells, one would expect the viral load eventually to decrease.

New advances in testing technology may allow exploration of the mystery of HAART delayed responders. Understanding their atypical responses to anti-HIV treatment may shed light on HIV reproduction, and suggest better ways to treat the disease. Perhaps "non-responders" should simply hold on with their current regimen, or maybe they would be better off trying an experimental treatment, such as radiation therapy. Only further research can find the answers. ▼

**Rick Loftis** is a research associate at the Gladstone Institute of Virology and Immunology and a member of ACT UP/Golden Gate.

## HEALTH RESOURCES

### COMMUNITY HEALTH LISTINGS

Send health resource listings to:

Roberto Friedman  
Community Health  
Bay Area Reporter  
395 Ninth Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103

#### ACT UP/SF

Does not accept drug company donations, committed to direct action. Contact: 1388 Haight, #218, SF 94117. 522-2907.

#### Acupuncture

The Community Acupuncture Project offers free acupuncture Wed., 9-11:30am, American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, 450 Connecticut, 282-9603.

#### AIDS Benefits Counselors

Professional review and counseling about benefits for people with AIDS/HIV+. Free. For intake scheduling, screening, referral, call 558-9845.

#### AIDS Community Research Consortium

Conducts HIV and AIDS clinical trials at sites located in San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties.

For a free listing of current trials available, call 800 864-ACRC.

#### AIDS Dementia CARE Unit

At St. Mary's Medical Center seeks volunteers to visit patients with HIV-related cognitive impairments. Call Stephan Ouellette, MSW, 750-4976.

#### AIDS Emergency Fund

Provides financial assistance to people with disabling HIV. Offers volunteers needed for day shifts. Call 558-6999.

#### AIDS Health Project

Mixed caregivers and women's caregivers groups; drop-in groups for HIV+ and PWA, more. Info, intake interviews: 476-3902.

#### AIDS/HIV Nightline

Volunteers needed to provide telephone emotional support, intensive training course provided. 984-1902.

## Drug czar funds marijuana research

by Bob Roehr

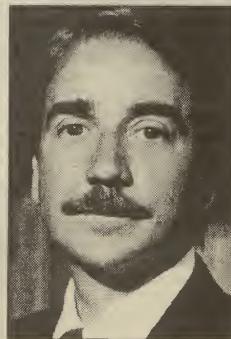
The Clinton administration is going to spend up to \$1 million compiling scientific evidence on the health effects of marijuana. "A lot of people have said we're not interested in the facts on this — and I think this shows that we are," said Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) spokesman Bob Weiner.

The report, not new research but a gathering of what is already known, supposedly was commissioned last month by DEA from the Institute of Medicine and should be completed in about 18 months. Yet for some unexplained reason, the study was not mentioned at a press conference last week in which "Drug Czar" retired general Barry McCaffrey, Attorney General Janet Reno, and Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala bashed the medical use of marijuana.

"Putting McCaffrey in charge of investigating medical marijuana is like putting Hillary Clinton in charge of investigating Whitewater," said Steve Michael with ACT UP/Washington. "We know what is going to happen."

There are a vast number of anecdotal accounts but little truly scientific research to examine. Pharmaceutical companies have no financial interest in conducting research into medical marijuana because it cannot be licensed for future profit.

Also, for four years the DEA has effectively blocked the one proposed clinical trial into its ef-



Dr. Donald Abrams.

fectiveness as a therapy in AIDS wasting syndrome. That trial protocol was created by San Francisco medical researcher Dr. Donald Abrams with a review and approval by the Food and Drug Administration.

The DEA also has a history of ignoring results it doesn't like. In the late 1980s it charged administrative law judge Frank L. Young with examining the medical use of marijuana. The judge concluded, "Marijuana has been accepted as capable of relieving the distress of great numbers of very ill people and doing so with safety under medical supervision." The DEA rejected his conclusions.

So most observers see McCaffrey's million dollar move as similar to the police inspector's closing line from the movie classic Casablanca, "Round up the usual suspects." ▼

for medical use to those who have a recommendation from their medical provider. While some attendees expressed dismay at the recently-announced Clinton administration plan to impose sanctions on physicians who recommend the drug, there seemed to be little concern that law enforcement officials would crack down on medical marijuana users in San Francisco.

Peron was among those who attended CHAMP's grand opening. He said he and Hernandez do view the CBC and CHAMP as competitors, expressed a desire to "multiply not divide," and said he could envision "hundreds" of medical marijuana buyer's clubs in the city. Members of another recently established marijuana buyer's club, Flower Therapy, were also on hand to wish CHAMP well. ▼

Cynthia Laird contributed to this report.

#### AIDS Memorial Grove

Monthly workdays: weeding, clearing, replanting at Bowling Green Dr. and Middle Drive East, Golden Gate Park. Info: 750-8340.

#### AIDS Support Group

2+ years since diagnosis. No charge, fees paid by Most Holy Redeemer AIDS Resource Group. Thursday, 1pm. Call Gail Winston for intake: 552-7517.

#### AIDS Treatment Education Network

Provides free educational forums for people with HIV/AIDS: holistic healing and survival strategies. 284-6237.

#### Alternative Family Project

Offers family counseling, support groups and events for families with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered members. 436-9000.

#### Asian & Pacific Islanders with HIV

Weekly support group, activities, retreats, treatment info. 575-3939 x336, API Wellness Center.

#### Baker Places

Provides housing for people with AIDS who have substance abuse and/or mental health issues. For info or intake call 284-1740.

#### Bay Positive

Provides recreational and emotional support for people up to 26 years old living with HIV. Ongoing support groups meet weekly. 487-1616.

#### Baylans Family Circle

Non-profit group of families headed by gay, lesbian and bisexual partners, meets monthly for social. Call Tom, 858-2468.

#### Bereavement Groups

For family, friends and partners who have lost a loved one to AIDS. Visiting Nurses and Hospice of SF. 750-5440.

#### Brothers Project

Provides info on Buddhist resources, events, and HIV alternative health services. Call 522-7473.

#### Catholic Charities

Residential and direct HIV services include Guerrero House, Peleg Claver Community, more. 814 Mission. 281-1200.

#### Clinica Esperanza

The HIV Clinic at Mission Neighborhood Health Center provides comprehensive bilingual HIV services. Sliding scale fees. 431-3212.

#### Coming out support group for women

Meets Weds., 7:30-9pm at New Leaf, 1853 Market St. All women questioning their sexual identity. Info: Lynne, 626-7000.

#### Coming out support group for men

Meets Weds., 6-7:30pm at New Leaf, 1853 Market St. Men of all ages welcome. Facilitated by Kirk Hinman, Ph.D. Info: 626-7000.

#### Community United Against Violence

Provides training Volunteer Counselors on their 24-hour crisis line. Call Nhu at 777-5500.

#### Comprehensive Outreach Project for Asian Substance Abusers

Reduced risk of HIV infection thru counseling and treatment referrals. Multilingual. 541-9404.

#### Connections

Is a confidential, one-on-one peer support focusing on HIV prevention and for gay men of color. Free. Call 365-8114.

#### Continuum HIV Day Services

Any day health care facility for people with disabling HIV disease, located in the Tenderloin. Medical services, counseling, therapy, meals, activities. 241-5500.

#### Deaf AIDS Center

At UCSF Center on Deafness offers services to those with HIV experiencing hearing loss or deafness. Counseling, resources, practical support. Interpreting services and assisting devices on loan. 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

#### Diabetics

Support group for gay, lesbian and bisexual Type I and Type II diabetics in SF and the Bay Area. Info: (510) 865-2933.

#### Epilene-Pennsina AIDS Services

Support groups, emotional & practical support program, food program and case management for PWAs in San Mateo Co. 572-9702.

#### Eureka Acupuncture & Yoga Center

Offers yoga, massage, low cost acupuncture. 301 Eureka. 648-2225.

#### FABRIC

A support/social group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning Asian and Pacific Islander youth 25+ under, drop-in every Tues., 6-8pm. GCHP, 30 Pearl St. 575-3939, x318 x504.

#### Filipino Task Force on AIDS

Provides prevention, education and direct care services to Filipinos and others affected by HIV/AIDS. 1540 Market, Suite 325. Info: 703-7980.

#### Friends

A new group for gay and bisexual men, meets alternating Tuesdays, 7:30pm at Pride Center, 200 5th St., Santa Rosa. (707) 524-7373.

#### Galemas

Service organization supporting gay and lesbian employees of Pacific Bell. Membership Info: call 747-9880.

#### Gay/Lesbian Legal Referral Service

Seeks gay-sensitive law students as volunteer law clerks, one 3-hr. shift/week at GLRS office, Law-Land. Info: 621-3900.

#### Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic

Testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun. 5-7pm. HIV antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun., 5-7pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair accessible. 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Cynthia Laird contributed to this report.

#### Gay Young Spirit

A new spiritual/social group for gay men in their 20s & 30s, meets alternate Tues., 7:15pm, in SF. Call 703-7181.

#### G40+ Club

A social group for gay/bi men 40 and over, meets 1st & 3rd Sundays every month, 2pm. Call 552-1997.

#### Global-Quilt-It! HIV/AIDS Project

Frees, confidential HIV antibody testing, Wed. 12-4pm. Case management, support groups, AIDS prevention and education. 330 Ellis, Suite 518. 567-2273.

#### Halight-Ashbury Free Clinics'

Drug Detox Rehabilitation and Aftercare Program, counseling and HIV education, free. 529 Clayton. Hector, 565-1909.

#### Healing Alternatives Foundation

Maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club for health products, open Tues.-Sat. 1748 Market St. Info: 626-4053.

#### Health Support Services

For PWAs and their caregivers, Wednesdays 1-3pm, Marin Treatment Center, 1465 Lincoln Ave., San Rafael. Registration: 457-3755.

#### Hepatitis "B" Testing

And vaccination for young (15-23) gay/bisexual men, free. Berkeley Free Clinic, 2339 Durant Ave, Berkeley, Sun., 5-7pm. (510) 644-0425.

#### HIV Advocacy Network

Grassroots organizing project of SF AIDS Foundation: phone/fax tree action alerts, government lobbying, HIV Policy Watch newsletter. 487-3034.

#### HIV/AIDS Services at New Leaf

Ongoing support groups, individual and couples counseling, drop-in groups every week. Issues for HIV+ men, men with AIDS, partners and survivors. For information/intake, call Jill, 626-7000 x199. 1853 Market St.

#### HIV and African-American Gay/Bisexual Men

Support groups every Wed., 6:30-8pm. Brothers Network, 973 Market, Suite 650. 356-8140.

#### HIV Care

Offers the latest clinical trials from the AmFAR community-based trial network and private industry, free to participants. Info: Sher Viera, 353-6215.

#### HIV Nutrition Discussion/Support Group

Ongoing monthly meetings at city clinics, call for info: CARE Program Nutritionists, 554-9121.

#### HIV Patients in Remission

Bospice by the Bay's ongoing emotional support group starts Tues., Jan. 14, 3-4:30pm. Pre-registration required. 1540 Market, Suite 350. Call 626-5900.

#### HIV Positive Drop-in Group

Free, every Tues., 7pm. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka. 863-6434.

#### HIV Positive Youth Group

18-25, meets every Wed., 7pm. ARIS, 150 The Alameda, Suite 100, San Jose. (408) 293-2747.

#### HIV Testing

Free anonymous testing, counseling and education, 1st Thursday and 3rd Friday of each month, 10am-12:30pm. 933 Harrison, upstairs.

#### Housing and Client Assistance Project for PWAs

Provides emergency housing and financial help to residents of San Mateo Co. Mental Health Assn. of San Mateo Co. 368-9989.

#### Immune Enhancement Project

Provides persons with HIV-related illness using a program of traditional Chinese medicine and herbal supplements. Info: 252-8711.

#### Jewish Family and Children's Services AIDS Project

Counseling, support groups, case management, more for Jewish people with HIV and their loved ones. 561-1241.

#### Laguna Hospital AIDS Unit

Provides compassionate care to PWAs who are SF residents in need of 24-hour nursing care. Call 664-1580.

#### Lambda Youth and Family Empowerment Program

LYFE! Peer support and mentoring programs for lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender youth. 565-7682.

#### Legal Services for Children's H.O.P.E. Project

Provides legal and social services to low-income HIV affected families. Info: 863-3762.

#### Lesbian Social Group

For lesbians and bisexual women in Tri-Cities/San Jose, Thurs., 7pm at The Edge, 39160 State, Fremont. 790-2887.

#### Linea de Ambiente

Information, referral and emotional support for gay, lesbian and bisexual immigrants. Immigration, HIV, social services, a project of Gente Latina de Ambiente (GELAAM). 243-9534.

#### Lyon-Martin Women's Health Center

Quality, affordable, non-judgmental medical care to women by women, special outreach to lesbian and bisexual women. 1748 Market St. 565-7670.

#### LYRIC's After School

Drop-in for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth, 18 and under. Daily, 3-6pm, M-F. 123 Collingwood. 703-6150.

#### We Care Bay Area

Provides emergency financial support to individuals affected by AIDS and other serious illnesses. Requests must be made thru a Bay Area outreach or social service agency. Info: 282-1911.

#### Women's Action Coalition

An all-female group of women committed to direct action on issues affecting the rights of all women. WAC meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30pm (women only), 1360 Mission St., Suite 200. WAC热线: 255-6352.

**Martin De Porres House of Hospitality**  
Needs volunteers to work in soup kitchen, breakfast and lunch. 225 Potrero. 552-0240.

**Men Overcoming Sexual Assault**  
Operates sexual assault hotline for men, Mon.-Fri., 7-10pm. (510) 845-7273.

**MCC Chronic/Life-Threatening Support Group**  
Every Wed., 1-3pm, at MCC, 150 Eureka St. Free, drop-in. Call 863-4434.

**MWM**  
A rap group for gay/bi Asian Pacific Islander men and their partners. Wed., nights, 6:30pm, Asian AIDS Project, 785 Market, Suite 420. 227-0946.

**Mothers Organizing Mothers**  
Working to change public attitudes and policies on AIDS. Meets 2nd Wed. of every month, 7pm. Call 922-4639 or 221-6651 for information.

**New Leaf**  
Provides substance abuse, mental health, HIV and senior services for les, gay, bi, and trans community. Info: 626-7000.

**OUTLINE**  
Free HIV info and support using Windows or Macintosh graphic interface. Info: 554-0555 or info@out.org

**Pacific Center**  
Gay and bisexual men's HIV/AIDS support group, Weds., 7pm, 1250 Pine St. #301, Walnut Creek. (510) 939-7711.

**Paradigm**  
Models for Enhancing Life Near Death, serves the terminally ill, free 10-week support group in SF. Call for info: 522-9192.

**Pride & Prejudice**  
A welcoming group to queer youth meets every Tues., 6pm, at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St., Suite 201. Call Nicole at 565-7681.

**Project HOPE**  
Provides HIV prevention peer counseling to gay, bisexual and transgender men of color. Call 356-B114.

**Project Open Hand**  
Provides free prepared meals, groceries and nutrition counseling to people with symptomatic and disabling HIV disease. Call 1-800-551-6325 for intake information.

**Proyecto ContraSIDA Para Vida**  
Provides peer counseling, legal assistance, workshops, therapy and housing referrals, free. 864-7278.

**Psychotherapy group for gay men**  
Explores issues of intimacy, low fee 12-week process groups. Call for info/intake; Operation Concern, 626-7000, ext.126.

**Q Action**  
Work with other queer boys to stop HIV transmission among young gay and bi men. Info: 431-2ACT.

**Reclaiming Your Life from HIV**  
Workshop on living longer with AIDS as manageable condition. 1/10-12, \$100-140, scholarships available. Saratoga Springs Retreat. 1-800-655-7153.

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Offers individual and group retreats for professional caregivers in the HIV Community. Info: Kay, 864-5140 or write PO Box 410592, SF 94141.

**San Mateo County AIDS Program**  
Provides prevention, health care, services and advocacy. Volunteer Resources Coordinator: 573-2488. Information: 573-2588.

**SCA**  
Sexual Compulsive Anonymous meets every Mon. at 8pm, 2128 15th St. 864-7230.

**Senior Central**  
Provides info, referral and assistance to gay and lesbian seniors, free and confidential services. 360 4th St. 777-8711.

**Shanti Project's Latino Program**  
Specifically serves Latino men, women, adolescents and children infected with and affected by HIV. Provides help with emotional peer counseling and practical support. For more information, call 864-CARE.

**Southern Alameda HIV Services**  
Tri-City Health Center provides comprehensive HIV services, with offices in Fremont and Hayward. (510) 713-6670 and 727-9233, respectively. Spanish and Tagalog spoken.

**St. Francis Senior Center**  
Invites seniors to weekly gatherings, Wed. 10am-2pm. St. Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church. 621-2635.

**Tambayan**  
Support/social group for queer pinoy and their friends. Every Thurs., 7pm at Task Force 1080 on AIDS. 1540 Market St., Suite 325. 703-9880.

**UCSF AIDS Health Project**  
Offers: (1) ongoing groups for persons diagnosed with KS; (2) Tues. night support group for women who are caregivers or family members of PWAs; (3) support group for HIV+ African-American heterosexual men. Info: 476-9020.

**Visiting Nurses & Hospice SF**  
Seeks volunteers to help provide care & support. Training begins 1/23. Call 750-6800 x21701.

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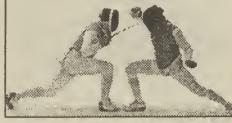
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under the above fictitious business name on the date of November 10, 1996. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed Midori K. Herring. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on December 03, 1996.

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## FICTION BUSINESS NAME

## STATEMENT FILE NO. 209953

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This business is conducted by an individual. Signed Peter Melletti. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on December 12, 1996.

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## FICTION BUSINESS NAME

## STATEMENT FILE NO. 210105

The following person(s) are doing business as BANKTECH AMERIKA, 1050 North Point #1207A, San Francisco, CA: Banktech America (CA), 1050 North Point #1207A, San Francisco, CA. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of N/A.

This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Signed Dr. Gergely Vassony. Principal owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on December 12, 1996.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: SAILING SHIP LTD. The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 718 14th St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: BROWN CAROLYN S., BROWN KENNETH P. The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 2629 San Bruno Ave, San Francisco, CA 94134.

For the following type of License: 48 ON-SALE GENERAL PUBLIC PREMISE. San Francisco District Office,

185 Berry St Ste 5600, San Francisco, CA 94131. Registrant(s) commenced business

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Dec. 26, 1996, Jan. 2, 9, 1997.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

To Whom It May Concern:

The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: SAILING SHIP LTD. The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 718 14th St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

For the following type of License: 47 ON-SALE GENERAL

EATING PLACE. San Francisco District Office, 185 Berry St Ste 5600, San Francisco, CA 94107. (415) 557-3660.

Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 1997.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

To Whom It May Concern:

The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: WINGARD, 119 Germany St., San Francisco, CA 94117: Kenneth Roy Wingard, 119 Germany St., San Francisco, CA 94117. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of October 11, 1996.

This business is conducted by an individual. Signed Kenneth R. Wingard. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on December 20, 1996.

Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 1997.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: WINGARD, 119 Germany St., San Francisco, CA 94117: Kenneth Roy Wingard, 119 Germany St., San Francisco, CA 94117. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of November 1, 1996. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed Robert C. Drapeau. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on January 3, 1996.

Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 1997.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

To Whom It May Concern:

The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: RHYNSU, 12215 Market St. #115, San Francisco, CA 94115: Ron Kirkpatrick, 2361 California Street, #11, San Francisco, CA 94115; Holly Andrews, 2361 California Street, #11, San Francisco, CA 94115. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of N/A. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Signed Ron Kirkpatrick. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on December 23, 1996.

Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 1997.

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Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 1997.

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Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 1997.

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Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 1997.

#305, San Francisco, CA 94109. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of N/A. This business is conducted by an individual. Signed: RICHARD M. CUNNINGHAM.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Francisco County on the date December 26, 1996. Gregory J. Diaz, County Clerk Recorder, by Keith Wong.

Jan. 9, 16, 23, 1997.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

To Whom It May Concern:

The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: CALMA MYRNA O., DIAMONON, HON-RACE, JR. The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 4794 MISSION ST, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94112. For the following type of License: 41 ON-SALE BEER AND

WINE-EATING. San Francisco District Office, 185 Berry St Ste 5600, San Francisco, CA 94107. (415) 557-3660.

Jan. 9, 16, 23, 1997.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO  
CHANGE OF NAME FILE NO. 983762

In THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE

COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO in the

matter of the application of LUIS ALBERTO

VASQUEZ PORRAS for change of

name. The application of LUIS ALBERTO

VASQUEZ PORRAS for name of, having

been filed in Court, and it appearing

from said application that LUIS ALBERTO

VASQUEZ PORRAS has filed an application

proposing that HIS name be changed to LUIS ALBERTO PORRAS. Now, therefore,

it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Department X-4

on the 20th day of February, 1997, at 9 o'-

clock AM, of said day to show cause why

the application for change of name should

not be granted. It is further ordered that a

copy of this Order be published in the BAY

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circulation, printed in said county, at least

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weeks prior to the day of said hearing.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 1997.

Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, 1997.

**FICTION BUSINESS NAME**  
**STATEMENT FILE NO. 209947**  
The following person(s) are doing business as PASTA POMODORO, 816 Irving St., San Francisco, CA 94124: Blum-Paganini, Inc. (CA Corp.), 417 Burnett Ave, San Francisco, CA 94131. Registrant(s) commenced business under the above fictitious business name on the date of November 29, 1996. This business is conducted by a corporation. Signed Deborah Paganini V.P. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on December 12, 1996.

Dec. 19, 26, 1996 Jan. 2, 9, 1997.

## FICTION BUSINESS NAME

## STATEMENT FILE NO. 209772

The following person(s) are doing business as 1. FIRE HORSE PRODUCTIONS 2.

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as FLOWER POWER MARKET, 2246 Markey St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

The following person(s) are doing business as HIROSHI TAKAMA PHOTOGRAPHY, 925 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94109.

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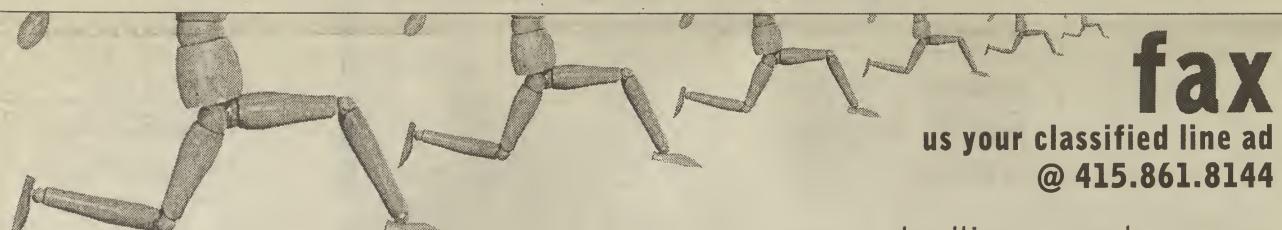
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**Everything Relative REDEFINES FAMILY**

## Woman times seven

by Conor Kennedy

In Sharon Pollack's romantic comedy *Everything Relative*, seven female college friends get together for a stroll down memory lane. Reunions are always messy affairs and this one is no exception, as old tensions and passions resurface and the women — six lesbians, one heterosexual — come to terms with how much their lives have changed in the eight years since graduation.

The film offers a motley group of characters, each lovably flawed. The reunion is the idea of longtime couple Victoria (Monica Bell) and Katie (Stacey Nelkin), who are also celebrating the bris of their newborn child, conceived via artificial insemination. The last time Josie (Ellen McLaughlin) saw Maria (Olivia Negron) was the night she broke her heart eight years earlier. Luce (Andrea Weber) is the firebrand of the group, a stuntwoman with killer abs who can't seem to shake the decade-old memory of her girlfriend, who was killed in a car accident in which Luce was the driver. Sarah (Carol Schneider), the lone het, is still active in politics and wants desperately to have a child. Finally, there is Gina (Gabriella Messina), who has slept her way to the top in Hollywood only to find there is no one with whom she can enjoy her success.

The outsider in this gang is Luce's 23-year-old girlfriend Candy (Malindi Fickle), a smug investment banker who voted for Pataki and can't empathize with the women's angry memories of the Reagan '80s. Candy represents the ungrateful generation

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Ellen McLaughlin and Olivia Negron in Sharon Pollack's *Everything Relative*.

Laura Dern stars in *Citizen Ruth*.



**ALEXANDER PAYNE'S TRIUMPHANT *Citizen Ruth***

## Stoops to conquer

by Robert Julian

Ruth Stoops is the kind of woman who would have to work really hard on self-improvement before she could aspire to the epithet "trailer trash." As the central character in *Citizen Ruth*, she is an indigent, glue-sniffing, liquor-swilling half-wit who consistently irresponsible behavior results in her fifth out-of-wedlock pregnancy. Unequipped in every possible way, Ruth must decide the proverbial "to be, or not to be" question for her unborn child. This is the central dilemma of writer/director Alexander

Payne's first feature film. With uncanny success, Payne takes the issue of abortion and fashions a social satire that is both thought-provoking and exceptionally funny. *Citizen Ruth* is a disturbing, irreverent, exuberant accomplishment.

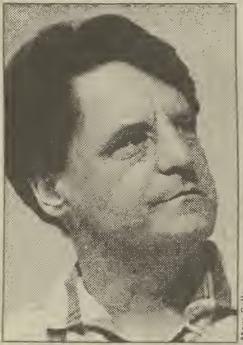
Filmed on location in Omaha, *Citizen Ruth* begins in a flea-bag hotel and immediately descends into the back alleys and trash bins of Middle America. The homeless Ruth, masterfully played by Laura Dern, is banished by her boyfriend and her brother, but not

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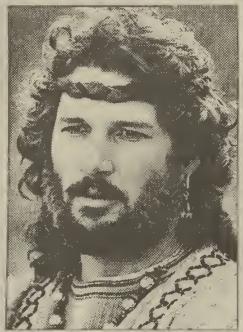
by Chris Culwell  
and Pithy Galore

Well, *People* magazine has come out with its 25 most intriguing people list and, alas, we didn't make it. We're not too upset, though. We realize it's hard competing against such important movers and shakers as **Richard Jewell** and **Binti-Jua** the gorilla. However, we were surprised that SF writers **Kevin**



Kevin Killian

back from his sabbatical at a dude ranch in SoCal; painter **Brett Reichenman**, still high from his lunch with **John Waters**, who collects Brett's work; graphic artist/designer **Wayne Smith**, installation artist **Glen Seator**, and local artists **Michelle Rollman**, **D-L Alvarez** and **Scott Hewicker**; Examiner art critic **David Bonetti**; **Jack Hanley**, whose Grant Avenue Gallery is still much missed after last year's closure; craftsman and foxy red-head **Jonathan Hammer**; and many others. The high point of the evening was when Dodie passed out copies of *Broken English*, a chapbook full of delicious pornography she co-authored via e-mail with **Bob Harrison**.



Richard Gere

**Killian** and **Dodie Bellamy** didn't make the list either. Lord knows they should have, as they are certainly among the most important cultural wizards we know, Dodie being the expansively-minded guiding spirit of those infamous writers' workshops, and Kevin the author of many amazing plays, novels, poems, and stories. The couple's subtly exquisite brand of chic was on full display at their Xmas-eve bash (also Kevin's birthday party), which was by far the best party we went to in all of 1996. Everyone was there, including novelist **Stephen Beachey** and humpy beau; journalists **Glen Helfand** and **Robert Friedman**; Berkeley Art Museum curator **Larry Rinder**, just

to turn up to a Greek AIDS benefit he promised to support. Athens-based ANED Productions has filed the suit in Los Angeles after the benefit had to be canceled when **Mr. Red Ribbon** pulled out shortly before the event. Why? Because the organizers balked at meeting the actor's material demands, which included a jet, luxury hotel, and \$300,000 to appear at the event. Sounds like it's time for someone to turn in his dharma wheel.

Madonna in *Evita*.

Madonna is a star, but to insist that an entire floor be a no-go zone for everyone — including hotel staff — seems a bit much for an actress who hasn't been in a good film since 1983's *Desperately Seeking Susan*. Obviously, though, Madonna thinks the fate of the Western world is hinged upon her career in pictures, otherwise why else would she request that a SWAT team be kept on stand-by alert throughout the entire hotel during her visit? Other excesses indulged included endless bowls of ice, gallons of Evian water, hundreds of stemless red roses at all hours of the night, and a menu free of fruit, fish, and red meat. Sounds like Madonna and Richard would make a perfect pair.

#### Get real

We were so busy last week going to parties and catching up with old friends that we almost forgot to hand out the annual **Out There Get Real Award**. Actually, we were considering retiring the prize this year but then it suddenly dawned on us that pointing out ridiculousness where we stumble upon it is really a civic duty. That said, this year's prize goes to the *SF Chronicle* for printing in November — without a trace of irony — that absurd piece about SF's ranking as the top cultural center in the U.S. Please, anybody can manipulate statistics to say whatever they want, but only a fool believes that culture can be measured on a per capita basis, in this case by adding up, among other things, the number of classical music stations and retired sports stars living in the Bay Area. What number-crunching like this doesn't provide is analysis that explains why there are so few classical music stations in any given area nationwide, why the few that exist are going under, and when the decline began. Likewise, to simply say there are lots of retired sports stars and Fortune 500 bankers with San Francisco addresses doesn't tell you if they ac-

tually live here (everyone knows the rich live everywhere and use property as a tax shelter) or, more importantly, how their living here affects the culture.

To make matters worse, when **Mayor Brown** and his entourage returned from that Sister City trip to Paris last November, he was pressed for a comment on SF's placement on the cultural map. Press Secretary **Kandace Bender** jumped in with a statement of appalling inanity: "Everything San Francisco had to offer," Bender told the *Chron*, "was equal to what Paris had to offer." Really? Even half-wits who've sojourned to the City of

Light know that beyond the obvious differences —

San Francisco has nothing like the Louvre, Le Centre Pompidou, Notre Dame, Sacré Coeur, Le Musée d'Orsay, Luxembourg Palace, Montmartre, Place de la Concorde, the Panthéon — Paris is a city whose very soul is informed by a millennia of history. It has been the scene of religious, political and intellectual revolutions of far-reaching historical consequence, and, in addition to being the industrial center of France, has inspired countless movements in art, literature, fashion, and architecture. **Herb Caen**, SOMA, Stars Cafe, and *Tales of the City* do not a great metropolis make.

#### SF's great cultural hero

Those people who think SF is a great cultural center need only look as far as this month's *Focus* magazine for evidence to the contrary. A truly great city would find its newspapers and magazines reporting on important events and people, not profiling delerious dunderheads like **The Flower Thrower**, the mad weed hurler whose psycho-obsessive needs have been so indulged by the folks at the SFO that they ought to declare him a patron saint. What is the great news imparted to readers in this scintillating and earth-shattering interview? "He [The

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## Citizen Ruth

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before she extracts \$15 from the latter. She spends the money indulging her favorite pastime — inhaling fumes from aerosol paint cans. Zoned-out in an alley, Ruth is arrested for the umpteenth time and soon discovers she's pregnant. In jail, she encounters Gail Stoney (Mary Kay Place), a pro-life fanatic who decides to rescue Ruth and her unborn child.

But Ruth causes problems in the home of Gail and her husband Norm (Kurtwood Smith), and she is soon kidnapped by undercover pro-choice activist Diane Sieglar (Swoosie Kurtz), who has infiltrated the ranks of the pro-lifers. After moving in with Diane and her lesbian lover Rachel (Kelly Preston), Ruth soon proceeds to blow Diane's cover. What follows is an escalating war between pro-life and pro-choice activists, all battling over the fate of Ruth's unborn child.

### Miraculous script

The script for *Citizen Ruth*, written by Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor, is almost miraculous in its ability to take the subject of abortion and extract both comedy and social commentary. As director, Payne has clearly encouraged his actors to go for characterization as opposed to going for laughs. As a result, there are amusing moments in the film that are so exquisitely real that they are both humorous and painful at the same time. When Ruth escapes the attentions of the Stoney family and buys more aerosol paint, she crashes behind a bowling alley and is caught huffing by the Stoney's young son. When he asks her to stop inhaling, Ruth slaps the boy's face. When the father shows up, he shouts at Ruth, "In the name of God, I want you to get off drugs right now!" In the background we hear the distant sound of bowling balls knocking down pins inside the bowling alley.

Later, when Ruth goes to stay with pro-choice activists Diane and Rachel, she borrows clothes and emerges wearing a Frida Kahlo T-shirt. As they sit on the screened-in porch of the lesbian couple's country farmhouse, the three women discuss the upcoming abortion. In the background, we see the blue light and hear the quick buzzes of an electric bug-killer, assassinating the flies and mosquitoes circling the porch. The women leave the house just long enough to stare up at the full moon and sing an a cappella tribute to the Goddess.

There are dozens of wonderful moments in this film, and many solid performances by actors like Tippi Hedren and Burt Reynolds, who play archetypal roles reflecting the Gloria Steinems and Jerry Falwells of our society. Laura Dern's Ruth is a perfectly amoral creation, deftly rendered — warts and all — in an artistically valid fashion. Dern allows Ruth her human dignity while never disguising the character's fundamental selfishness. And there is an unbilled 30-second appearance by Dern's mother, Diane Ladd, who plays Ruth's mother. Their hilarious verbal exchange, broadcast via bullhorns across a meadow, is alone worth the price of admission.

### Potential problems

However, any viewer who needs to validate his own position regarding the emotionally charged subject of abortion will have problems appreciating the artistic merit of this film. *Citizen Ruth* is ruthless; there is not a sin-



Laura Dern and Mary Kay Place in a scene from *Citizen Ruth*.

Kimberly Wright

gle likable character in this movie. Both sides of the film's right-to-life debate are populated by self-important manipulators with highly questionable motives. And in this respect, the film transcends its subject matter by giving the viewer a glimpse of the modus operandi of our current national culture.

In this film, the do-gooders (of whatever ilk) reflect their own frustrated ambitions and their need for self-glorification. Instead of a nation of helpers, *Citizen Ruth* gives us an America of dysfunctional, co-dependent relationships at both the organizational and interpersonal level. No one is really helping anyone else. There are so many hidden agendas and unresolved internal conflicts that any ostensible act of kindness will inevitably be thwarted by the individual or collective neuroses. It is not a pretty picture. And those in the audience of *Citizen Ruth* who experience a

flicker of self-recognition, conscious or otherwise, may be profoundly uncomfortable with this film. That, however, will not detract from director Alexander Payne's extraordinary achievement.

*Citizen Ruth* recalls Tim Robbins' directorial debut in *Bob Roberts*, another small but wonderfully crafted satire that focused on the world of politics. But in satirizing the ongoing national abortion debate, Payne takes on a much more controversial subject, throwing himself into the middle of a raging battle that has no demilitarized zone. He will not emerge unscathed. Payne's *Citizen Ruth* is an irreverent and courageous act of guerrilla comedy, whose ultimate artistic success may well be measured by how many people it offends. ▼

*Citizen Ruth* opens January 10 at the Embarcadero.

## THEATRE

## Acid queen returns



Susan Brown

**P**roving that you can't keep a good lounge singer down, legendary drag chanteuse Musty Chiffon returns to Josie's January 15-February 2 to regale locals with her fabulous one-queen trip through the music of the '60s. Musty has such a special way of putting across hits like "White Rabbit," "Goldfinger," "Is That All There Is," and Steppenwolf's "Magic Carpet Ride" you'll think you're hearing them numbers for the first time. And, no doubt, hearing them performed by someone wearing a purple pant suit with bell bottoms the size of San Francisco Bay means you'll not soon forget them either. Musty is, of course, Provincetown's Dini Lamot, one of the founders and lead singers of the rock band Human Sexual Response, which, way back there in the '70s and early '80s, churned out such curiously titled songs as "I Want to be Jackie Onassis" and "What Does Sex Mean To Me?" Judging from Musty's spectacular costumes and obsession with '60s culture, she still wants to be Jackie, but ultimately this queen will have to settle for simply sublime. Musty Chiffon and pianist Michael Holland appear Wed.-Sun. (8 p.m.) at Josie's, 3583 16th St. Call 861-7933 for tickets and information. ▼

## FILM

Diane Keaton and Meryl Streep in Jerry Zak's *Marvin's Room*.

## Relative

Arts cover

that came of age after the hard-won battles that have led to the considerably more homo-tolerant '90s. "Don't try to tell us we didn't pave the way," one of the older gals tells Candy.

Like a lesbian *Thirtysomething*, *Everything Relative*, which was written, directed and produced by Pollack, sets the stage for early mid-life reflection. Where once these girls were involved in a political theater troupe (in the late '70s), they now tote books with titles like "Low-Fat Living for Real People" and closet themselves for the sake of corporate accounts. College was a simple, less contradictory time, these women reveal, mostly because there were fewer people to please. The zeitgeist of this gathering emerges when one friend confesses, "I haven't made any close friends since us." Indeed, at the heart of *Everything Relative* is the redefinition of family as the allegiances we forge against unforgiving parents and siblings. "This is where we make our own families," says Maria, who, it is revealed, left Josie because of pressure from her family and community.

In such moments, *Everything Relative* is inspired, but the film flounders when it descends into soft-focus, heart-tugging sequences of canned joie. Images of women playing softball and rolling in the grass are sweet but more often than not feel like tedious filler. Similarly, there is an abundance of pat one-liners that sound more like propaganda than real dialogue. (Besides, any lesbian movie that includes a treatise on

The cast of *Everything Relative*, from left to right: Ellen McLaughlin, Andea Weber, Monica Bell, Carol Schneider, Stacy Neikin (seated), Olivia Negron, and Gabriella Messina.

abortion is probably just preaching to the converted.) Finally, it doesn't take a Carrie Fisher to see where this film is going: a happy ending in which all the singles emerge as fulfilled couples and the one straight woman discovers she is, gasp, pregnant. By its conclusion, *Everything Relative* comes off

## Vital reunion

Streep and Keaton are estranged sisters in 'Marvin's Room'

by Will Shank

With *Marvin's Room*, Broadway director Jerry Zak has molded a smart,

funny and ultimately moving stage play into a poignant and sometimes uproariously giddy movie. Playing middle-aged sisters, Meryl Streep and Diane Keaton play off each other brilliantly and set an exacting standard for the rest of the cast, which includes 22-year-old heartthrob Leonardo DiCaprio, who is excellent as Streep's teenage son, the hostile and troubled Hank.

On paper, the plot sounds dangerously melodramatic, and on occasion, it is. Blue-collar, chain-smoking, Ohio divorcee Lee (Streep) finds her life interrupted suddenly by the news of her spinster sister's illness in a faraway state. With her two sons in tow, she confronts the estranged family she has not seen in 20 years: older sister Bessie (Keaton), their aged and dotty aunt (Gwen Verdon), and their bedridden father Marvin (Hume Cronyn), all of whom share a Florida home. The hostilities that arise from the situ-

ation of these "relative strangers" finding themselves under one roof form the core of the plot. The emotions arising from the situation are played out with subtlety and passion, urged forward by Scott McPherson's brilliant screenplay. "My feelings about you are like a bowl filled with fishhooks. I can't take them out one at a time," Streep tells Keaton. Both Keaton and Streep have been as good elsewhere, but neither actress has ever been better.

Sadly, playwright McPherson did not live to see the film version of his play, which was first produced on stage in Chicago in 1990. Both the playwright and his lover died of AIDS in the early '90s. But this semi-autobiographical film provides quite a legacy. One can only hope it receives the attention it deserves. ▼

*Marvin's Room* opens January 10 in general release.

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From Gordian Maugg's *Die Kaukasische Nacht*.

## Berlin and Beyond: the lavender low-down

by John Blanco

There isn't exactly a wealth of queer content in this year's Berlin and Beyond Film Festival, which takes place January 10-17 at the Castro Theatre. However, among the festival's ambitious selection of German, Swiss and Austrian films there are a couple of works with gay characters, subplots or subtext worth noting.

Gordian Maugg's *Die Kaukasische Nacht* (*The Caucasian Night*) deals with the culture clash that occurs when Wessi (Winfried Glatzeder), a West German businessman, sets up shop in the former Soviet Republic of Georgia. Upon arrival, Wessi immediately butts heads with his Russian business partner, Georgi (Elgudsha Burduli). Georgi wants to manufacture traditional Georgian ceramics, but the profit-minded Wessi would rather make bathroom fixtures.

There's little subtlety in the way writer-director Maugg presents the dichotomous relationship between greedy Wessi and virtuous Georgi, who is prone to spouting platitudes like, "Art instead of industry." The relationship Maugg has created between the pair's sons is much more interesting and ambiguous. Georgi's dreamy (in both senses of the word) son Tengis (David Lashchwilli) sees Wessi's son Stefan

(Robert Schielecke) as the lover that his grandfather once prophesied would come into his life. But Tengis' constant fantasies about death and reincarnation make it clear that this friendship and (unconsummated) romance will end tragically.

Although hampered by weak leads, *The Caucasian Night* is still worth seeing, which can't be said of another festival entry, *India*, which chronicles a mismatched pair of co-workers, the fastidious Kurt (Alfred Dorfer) and the slovenly Heinz (Josef Hader), as they travel around inspecting hotels and restaurants. Naturally the two soon forget their differences and bond in a series of rituals: drinking together, shitting together, and even mock-fucking at one point. Eliminate the mock-fuck and this brain-dead comedy, which turns inexplicably mawkish toward the end, would have been an ideal vehicle for Steve Martin and John Candy a dozen or so years ago. ▼

*India* plays January 11 (2 p.m.) and *The Caucasian Night* on January 12 (7 p.m.). Tickets for individual films will be on sale at the Castro Theatre the day of the screening. Passes for Berlin and Beyond can be purchased at the Castro Theatre box office for \$50. For information about the festival, call 391-0370.

## ENSEMBLE

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# Fascinatin' rhythm

## Vernel Bagneris' 'One Mo' Time'

by Chad Jones

When *One Mo' Time* is good, it's very good. The combination of the hot Dixieland blues band and the swingin' and singin' cast of four lights up the stage of the Lorraine Hansberry Theatre in a fitting tribute to the black performers who worked on the T.O.B.A. (Theatre Owners Booking Agency) circuit in the 1920s.

Conceived by Vernel Bagneris over a decade ago, *One Mo' Time* has been a hit in productions all over the country. This staging, directed by the Hansberry's artistic director, Stanley Williams, is handsome and fast-paced but, ultimately, too erratic to fully satisfy.

Bagneris has constructed a revue designed to be the kind of show that could have played the New Orleans Lyric Theater in 1926: the musicians (piano, drums, trumpet, tuba and clarinet) sit on one side of the stage, the performance area is in the middle, and the performers' dressing room is exposed on the other side. Bertha Williams and her touring company have been hired by the Lyric's white theater owner to perform popular songs of the day, but, alas, the company has seen better times. One of their singers is in jail, and the person sent with the bail money to fetch him has skipped town. With only four performers out of a contracted six, the theater owner is threatening not to pay. Still, the show must go on.

The greatest asset of this two-act, 90-minute production is the exuberant band under the direction of pianist Dee Spencer. Frank Fisher's exhilarating trumpet and Bobby Tynes' electrifying clarinet bring a zestful energy to the show that keeps things hopping. The band's "Tiger Rag" in the first act is a showstopper, and it's too bad they're never given another feature spot.

The hard-working cast is headed by local blues favorite Denise Perrier as Bertha Williams, who seemed to be having an off night the evening I saw the show. Throughout the entire first act there wasn't a song or line of dia-



Denise Perrier and Michael Leroy Brown.

Courtesy of Lorraine Hansberry Theatre

logue she delivered without numerous flubs or the assistance of her fellow actors. Bertha is supposed to be the leader of this group, and though Perrier has the regal bearing of a prima donna, she seemed to lack command of the material. Things improved in the second act, especially when Perrier wrapped her velvety voice around a luscious "Am I Blue." Still, hers was an unconvincing, half-hearted performance at best.

With a faltering star, the other cast members jumped in to save the day. Michael Leroy Brown as Papa Du danced up a storm and provided some sizzle with his sinewy, polished movement. Marcie Henderson as Thelma, the company's sultry young upstart, shows off a gloriously smooth voice in numbers like "I've Got What It Takes" and "Everybody Loves My Baby," and she even steals the spotlight away from Perrier's Bertha in their duet, "My Man Blues." And Mwanza Furaha as Ma Reed all but steals the show as the tipsy dancer/singer who isn't young enough to be starlet-like Thelma or old enough to be grand dame Bertha. Ma Reed inhabits that uneasy middle territory best left to comedy. Furaha understands this and exudes a sexy charm that never fails to get laughs in numbers like "Jenny's Ball" and the wonderful "After

You've Gone."

Aside from the individual talents of the cast members and musicians, what comes through in *One Mo' Time* is the indomitable spirit of the T.O.B.A. performers, whose tremendous skill and perseverance in the face of deplorable conditions helped lay the foundations that would help break down racial barriers in the coming decades. ▼

*One Mo' Time* continues at the Lorraine Hansberry through January 12. Call 474-8800 for tickets and information.

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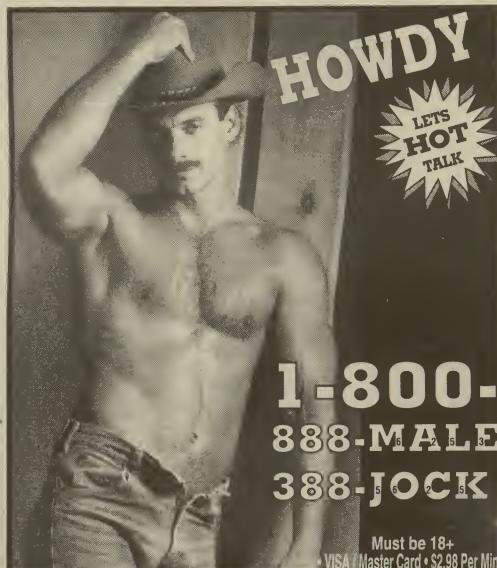
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*Trafficking in Broken Hearts* opens January 16 and runs through March 15 at the New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Avenue. Showtimes are at 8 p.m. Wed.-Sat. and at 2 p.m. on Sun. matinees, February 2 and 23. Tickets are \$16-\$20 and can be purchased at the box office or by calling 861-8972. ▼



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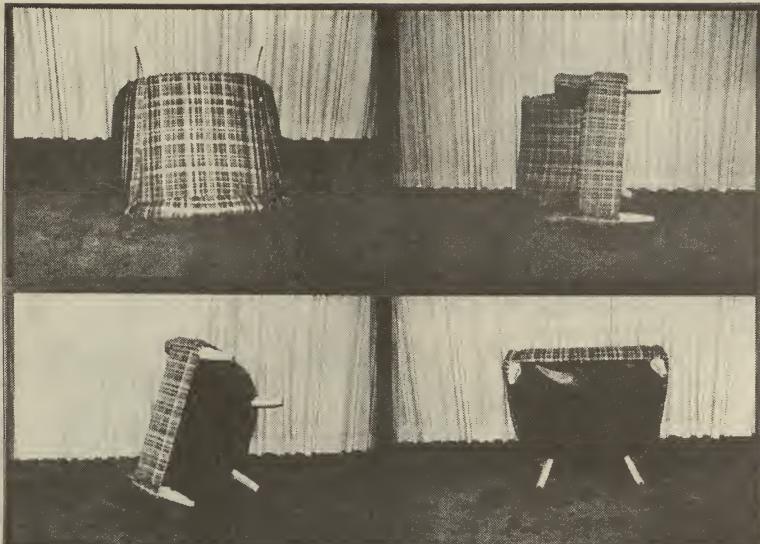
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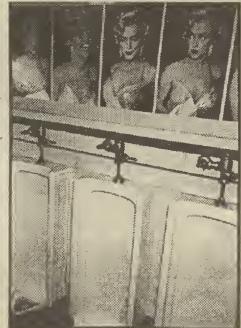
One of David Byrne's photos from *Anima Mundi*.

## Hypernormal magnetism

by Glen Helfand

In the queer community, spiritual quests are often just so much reverence for inanimate objects. But for some folks those voodoo flags, strangely shaped incense burners, and other tsotchkies actually have significance beyond their ability to offset mauve sofas and silver-plated martini shakers. *Anima Mundi*,

the current group show at SF Camerawork (curated by Jane Levy Reed), delves into the spheres of ordinary and not-so-ordinary objects in order to explore their otherworldly properties. San Francisco artist Luis Delgado Qualtrough shows a deck of fortune-telling loteria cards emblazoned with black-and-white images of decrepit storefronts and the Marilyn Monroe posters that peer down at the urinals in Tosca's men's room. The lost art of cloud-reading is the subject of a video installation by Oakland-based artist Mary Tsiongas. Its mesmerizing imagery brings to mind a life-size board game that has you gazing at cumulus puffs. The show's primary draw, however, are photographs by ex-Talking Head David Byrne that take the viewer on an international quest for the sacred, from Japanese shrines and empty LA parking structures to stylized studio shots of tattered sneakers and placentas in a jar. An unrelated series of Byrne's work will appear on the light boxes of the JC Decaux toilets on Market Street from January 9-22. He'll also attend the



Luis Delgado Qualtrough

Los Deseos, a photo by Luis Delgado Qualtrough.

show's opening reception at SF Camerawork on January 10.

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## PHOTOGRAPHY

From *Suburbia*, by Bill Owens, 1973, gelatin silver print.

Bill Owens, Courtesy Robert Koch Gallery, S.F. 1973

## Suburban shag

**Bill Owens visits suburbia**

by Glen Helfand

In one of Bill Owens' black-and-white photographs a woman vacuums a patch of unruly shag carpeting that looks like the least-tended yard in the neighborhood. Our hausfrau wears a demonic expression as she vacuums, a look that suggests she is aware with every sweep of the Electrolux that she is losing her battle with Stepford Syndrome. The motley plush beneath her feet is both the reason for her newfound servitude and the status symbol that will guarantee her place in the neighborhood pecking order.

This 1972 photograph is a humorous, historically accurate portrayal of one slice of life in Livermore, CA. Forty-six additional slices of Owens' suburban vision are being served up through the end of the month at the Robert Koch Gallery, in a show called *Suburbia*, whose title is derived from Owens' same-titled, entertainingly ethnographic collection of photographs from the early '70s.

The amazing thing about these images — in both the exhibit and the book — is their uncanny ability to capture the subtle terror just beneath the surface of the idyllic lifestyles shown. In one photo, a block party is photographed from above in the late afternoon light, casting subtly unnerving shadows across an otherwise charming

scene. In another photo, *Reagan on TV*, Owens juxtaposes a televised image of our demented leader's mug with a Morning in America-style Christmas: Xmas tree, color wheel, shiny packages, tacky Three Kings figurines on top of the TV set. The image deftly underscores suburban insulation from reality.

Owens' savvy eye is complemented by his clever titles, which consist of descriptions of the scenes supplied by the subjects themselves. One photo in which a mustachioed man poses next to his wet bar bears the demonstrative heading: "My hobby is drinking, getting together with my friends and boozing." He'd never get away with such self-satisfied smugness in the politically correct, 12-stepping '90s, but in the '70s such capriciousness was considered *de rigueur*.

Besides preserving cultural mores, the photographs have major retro fashion appeal. The furniture! The clothes! Some of the items in these pictures are now thrift-store gold — a pristine Big Wheel, a bad painting of giant mushrooms, flocked metallic wallpaper, hot pants, reel-to-reel tape players, hair curlers, etc. One photo catches a heterosexual couple tangled in a bedroom decorated in high swinger mode. "It's a great pleasure to see yourself make love in the six-dozen mirrors that line the ceilings and walls," reads the label.

Still, Owens is strongest at interpersonal communication: kids at a neighborhood gathering, a Tupperware party, a Fourth of July parade, etc. Another image depicts a high school formal where gangly boys and girls stiffly slow dance. The title of the photo echoes the menu clearly visible on the wall behind them — "Chicken, turkey, ham, salad, dessert and punch." (Clearly most of the captions were written by the guys.) In other photos, older couples pose in their recently furnished homes, looking every bit like contestants on *The Newlywed Game*. (While there are no gay couples in the mix, a same-sex pair — and their stunning home — appears in Owens' vivid color photos from the same era in *Commonplace Mysteries* at SFMOMA through February 4.)

Though he relishes the absurdity of high suburban living, Owens never makes malicious fun of his subjects. The pictures are of the artist's friends and neighbors, and the treatment Owens gives them suggests that the photographer is laughing with them, not at them. If you grew up in suburbia, you'll chuckle too at this knowing, vivid depiction of early '70s urban flight. ▼

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# Mondo exotica

by Philip Campbell

*Ultra-Lounge*, various artists; Capitol Records

American pop culture never dies, it just gets recycled with nostalgia. The rule of thumb is about 30 years, but some trends are strong enough to mutate from year to year. Three decades ago, a generation of skinny guys in shiny suits and chicks in stretch pants were spinning vinyl on their console stereos and grooving to hip new sounds. Of course, back then nobody knew what to call this stuff, but today the swank sound of the '60s is called "lounge music," and it's popping up everywhere, in cafes and bars, tony department stores and, naturally, in record stores, where artists like Les Baxter, April Stevens, and records with titles like *Saxophobia* are suddenly all the rage.

If those names don't ring any bells, there are plenty of other compilation discs available that will serve as quick primer courses in mondo exotics. One of the best in this genre is out just in time for the new year. *Ultra-Lounge*, from Capitol Records, consists of material culled from albums with names like *Bachelor Pad Royale*, *Organs in Orbit* and *Rhapsodesia*. Boasting two dozen tracks, this disc is a fairly comprehensive charter through the best and most bizarre examples of this unusual musical species.

Personally, I think it's a bit strange that record producers are



Lounging about, listening to the swank sounds of Capitol's *Ultra-Lounge*.

falling all over themselves to revive this stuff. I'm not so sure lounge music ever went out of style as much as it merely went into hiding, in places like Las Vegas and Atlantic City, where singers like Dean Martin turned it into a sort of indigenous art form. Nevertheless, the time is obviously right for a reappraisal of the not-inconsiderable talents of singers like Julie London, Bobbie Darin and Louis Prima, or the instrumental mastery of band leaders Nelson Riddle and Ray Anthony, all of whom are featured in this collection.

*Ultra-Lounge* is as notable for who was left out of the final cut as for those who made it. Still, I defy

anyone to ignore Yma Sumac in mambo mode or The Voices of Walter Schumann as they maniacally romp through "Holiday for Strings."

Naturally, not everything on this release captures the genuine cool of the lounge ethos, but with 24 numbers to choose from, there is plenty here for beginners who want to sample the swingin' sounds of the '60s. And even if these tunes don't have you dreaming of gimlets in your sleep, the complimentary coaster included with the disc (not to mention the faux leopard skin cover) will surely become an irresistible collector's item in the not-too-distant future. ▼

## Faithfully yours

Marianne Faithfull, *20th Century Blues*, RCA

Nigel Coward isn't exactly the first name that comes to mind when you hear the name Marianne Faithfull, but it's Coward's weary urban lament that serves as the title tune for the singer's latest recording, a songspiel recollection of pre-Nazi, 1920s Germany. This is not the Marianne Faithfull we all know and love, the one whose angelic appearance three decades ago caught the eye of Rolling Stone Mick Jagger. This is altogether new Faithfull, and the result is surprisingly fresh. A mythological air hangs about the singer now, but what makes this live performance from The New Morning in Paris unique is her none-too-subtle evolution into a sexy, I-can-sing-the-hell-out-of-it chanteuse. Among the eight Kurt Weill compositions on this recording, "Pirate Jenny" with a new

and gritty lyric translation by Irish playwright Frank McGuinness, gets a particularly raw-edged delivery, so bloody in fact it easily withstands comparison to Lotte Lenya's classic rendition. Paul Trueblood's piano partners Faithfull's bitter words exquisitely. Complementing the Brecht-Weill songs that form the album's whiskey-soured heart are Harry Nilsson's "Don't Forget Me" and "Boulevard of Broken Dreams." There's some great music-making on this record, and in the bombed-out ruins of Faithfull's voice, plenty of theatre as well. ▼

—Andy Velez



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## BOOKS

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Melanie Rae Thon

## Mono-mania

by Deborah Peifer

first, body by Melanie Rae Thon; Houghton Mifflin, \$21.95

I'm going to go out on a critical limb and state unequivocally that a good writer always chooses the voice most appropriate for her or his story. Let me go further and say that I consider it impossible for a writer to be considered even adequate who does not make that minimal effort toward individualizing the voices of various characters.

That said, Melanie Rae Thon's new collection of short stories, *first, body*, is really different versions of the same story told in identical voices. Now, telling the same stories from different points of view is a real challenge for a writer. When that conceit works, as in Diane Salvatore's *Not Telling Mother* (Naïad), the result is insightful and rich. But Thon's stories are only superficially different, and they all seem to be told by the same person, even though the narrators change, ostensibly, from story to story. As a result, I had trouble keeping the characters and their situations clear. What are we to make of the fact that three different narrators use the identical image of slicing open a large body and climbing into it to hide? Only that a writer found a

good image and wasn't going to waste it by using it only once.

When the voice works for the story, as in the stunning "Nobody's Daughters," Thon's work is as compelling, moving and frightening a piece of writing as I have read in many years. The power of this one story makes me think that Thon must have the skills of a good writer. What a shame she didn't use those talents for all of the tales in this collection. ▼



## Second rate

by Deborah Peifer

2nd Fiddle by Kate Calloway; Naïad, \$11.95

It's Kate Calloway's second novel worse than the first, as bad as the first, or less worse than the first? Depending on your point of view, the correct answer might be all of the above. Calloway has unloaded the homophobic big city cop who (dis)graced her first novel, but Cassidy James, her dyke dick, is still the least believable private investigator I've run across in a long time.

Two very closeted gay men are being threatened with exposure as queers if they don't move out of Cedar Ridge. Terrified of being exposed as gay, they hire Cassidy right out of the phone book, and immediately reveal their shameful

secret. And, yes, in the way this story is told, we are supposed to see their gayness as shameful, not their hiding. Cassidy, a major closet case herself, offers to investigate, admitting to herself that she has no idea how to begin. At no point, however, does she suggest the only good response to blackmail: "Publish and be damned." On a trip to scope out the boys' neighbors, Cassidy discovers that another person who lives on the lake is also being blackmailed. This woman, who hasn't even seen Cassidy's ad in the directory, immediately reveals her darkest secret. Unbelievable? Well, you ain't seen nothing yet.

What can I say about a detective who decides to investigate a church in broad daylight by kicking in the door? Oh, yeah. That's believable. Now, when the bad guys turn out to be doing something sinister at the top of a sheer cliff, Cassidy, who has never climbed before, manages to scale this cliff in the dark of night. Later, she is also able, after being shot in the arm, to rappel back down. I asked a friend who is an experienced climber if this is possible, and he suggested that her muscles might be strained by the climbing but not half so much as the reader's credulity. Were there any hint of fantasy, such over the top exploits might work, but given the pedestrian plotting, lame language and wretched writing, I think not.

The fact that the hero of this piece is a closeted lesbian who never questions for a moment whether the closet really is a good place to live, moves *2nd Fiddle* from the category of annoyingly inept into infuriatingly dangerous. ▼

## Out There

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Flower Thrower] favors daisies, dahlias, and cosmos for their staying power. Orchids and roses? Too pricey. Gladiolas? Almost never."

Why didn't the folks at *Focus* interview some other people at the SFO, do a story on the seismic upgrade of the War Memorial, or, hell, talk to some of those charming ushers who have been with the company since Australopithecus crawled out of the slime? A profile on anybody officially attached to the company would have been more pertinent, and interesting — especially to opera lovers — than a puff piece on TFT.

### Portrait of a fag

The normally sleepy world of James studies is getting awfully lively these days, what with all this chatter about a supposed love affair between **Henry James** and **Oliver Wendell Holmes**.

Though it may sound far-fetched, some pretty compelling evidence for a James/Holmes affair is provided in **Sheldon Novick's** just-published, two-volume biography, *Henry James: The*

*Young Master*. According to a recent story in *The Boston Globe*, Novick has discovered a brief passage in one of James' letters that refers to a "l'initiation première" the writer engaged in with an unidentified person in the 1860s, someone James describes vaguely as "a veteran, an officer." Novick, who has also published a biography on Holmes, says James leaves hints everywhere in his diaries that this "veteran officer" may have been Holmes, with whom James was associated throughout the 1860s in Boston and Cambridge.

Though Novick doesn't believe Holmes was gay, he says there is growing evidence that James was actively homosexual. He adds that it would have been "out of character" for James not to act on a sexual impulse, for James "wrote about the importance of living the full life and having the faculty of understanding the wholeness of experience. Sexual experience is where you have the experience of living life in the fullest sense."

Doubtless some of this sexual fecundity inspired one of James' greatest novels, *The Portrait of a Lady*, which **Jane Campion** has made into a film. It opens here January 17. ▼

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# Centaur MC kicks off '97 Leather Games

by Mister Marcus

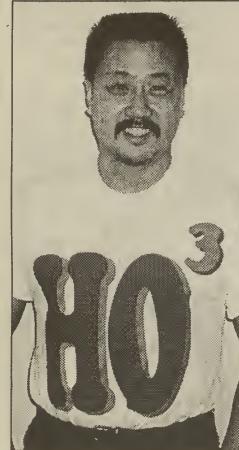
The year in leather looks good already! The first major leather title competition takes place in Washington, D.C., the weekend of January 24-26 when the Centaur Motorcycle Club presents its annual Leather Weekend, culminating in the selection of Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 26. A few weekend packages are available. The deadline is Jan. 17, so if you're going, you can pay the weekend fee with your Visa or Mastercard by calling (800) 494-8497 or mailing a check to Centaur MC, P.O. Box 34193, Washington, D.C. 20043.

The Washington Plaza is the host hotel, but the \$79 rate for a room that can accommodate up to four people is completely sold out. At my deadline, I was unable to get the name of the overflow hotel. You can try for a room if there are any cancellations by calling (800) 424-1140.

The Centaur MC Leather Weekend is one of the best bargains for such an event. The weekend package deal is chock-full of tickets for free cocktails, a great luncheon and the leather cocktail brunch beginning at 1100 on Sunday (just before the contest begins). The ticket book also contains discount tickets for Washington stores and free drink tickets or discount tickets for many of the local watering holes. If history repeats itself, there will be 100 or more bike clubs presented onstage at the contest with their colors, making it a really spectacular scene, immediately before the competition begins at 1400.

I am truly honored to be a judge at this year's event. Leather men and women from around the world will be there to witness the extravaganza. Mauro Montoya, the outgoing Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather, will be on hand to sash his successor, and the three-day leather mart will offer a variety of leather-oriented accoutrements for your consideration. Quite a few Bay Area leather people will be there to take part.

At my deadline, the Centaurs had elected their new officers for 1997. They are John Peter Hall-



with cash and plastic on hand, raised a whopping \$4,161! It was a fun day!

If you're traveling to Fort Lauderdale, you might want to know that the new sex emporium, The Minershaf, is now open and doing a thriving business. They say the place puts every other sex palace to shame with a variety of esoteric offerings designed to satisfy your lustful urges. Check it out next time you visit the area, right Andy Rose and Sam Medrano?

Ed Sparan, formerly Mr. Watering Hole Leather, is living in Fort Lauderdale and has just completed the 1997 Florida Leather Men's Calendar, a black-and-white presentation with some very hot men. It's available from the Fort Lauderdale Eagle (\$10), the site of the monthly contests, and benefits Healthlink in that city.

Uniform lovers get an early start with the fifth annual Portland Uniform Weekend, Jan. 17-19. Sponsored by *In Uniform Magazine*, men and women of the genre will gather for the meet and greet on Friday, Jan. 17, at the Dirty Duck Tavern, followed by a Clippers party at a place not yet determined. At my deadline, I couldn't confirm if overnight accommodations on a genuine U.S.

Best T-shirt of the 1996 holiday season was this one worn by Don "Ho" Tse at some of the holiday parties. Look closely!

ford, president; Bailey Walker, vice president; Edwin Smith, treasurer; and Robert Knapper, secretary. The winner of the MAL title will compete at IML in Chicago next May.

And speaking of IML, the letters and phone calls went out last week inviting leather personalities to be judges, including one very hard-working leather man from San Francisco.

He has already accepted, but I'm not able to give you the names of the entire list of judges until all those who have been invited have indicated they will take on the responsibility. Stay tuned.

"The Pick of the Litter" was the theme of last Sunday's beer bust at the Eagle, as the remaining half-dozen '97 Bare Chest Calendar winners were auctioned off for dinner dates at some of San Francisco's best eateries. Lenny Broberg again proved matchless in the emcee/auction department as he quipped his way through the event assisted by Martyn (Vanna) Jones. IML weekend tickets, dinners, adult videos, limo service and cuddly stuffed Dalmatian puppies were offered up to benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund. An adoring and generous public,

Navy submarine (\$48) would be available. There is no overall fee for this weekend. All individual events have a fee, but you can contact Andy Mangels at (503) 228-6935, 1100-2000, for a complete schedule and prices or e-mail: uniform@teleport.com. Don't wait!

Saturday morning delegates can attend the Oregon Police & Fire Collector's Show, where you can buy, sell or trade patches and uniforms. That evening, there's the Officer's Dress Mess Uniform Dinner at Hamburger Mary's, 1800-2100, with a sumptuous buffet. Cocktails at 1800; dinner at 1900.

On Sunday, Jan. 19, enjoy the Fire Station and Museum Tour at 1100, followed by a uniform buffet brunch at C.C. Slaughters. The At Ease dinner is at 1900 at the House of Louie. All weekend, local uniform stores will grant you 10 percent discounts on all merchandise.

The host hotel is the Park Place with suites for one to four persons. Reserve by calling (800) 344-8890, ext. 14. ▼



Mike (r) and his lover Manoli grace the cover of the Florida Leathermen's 1997 calendar produced by Ed Sparan. Available from the Fort Lauderdale Eagle for only \$10 and benefiting Healthlink, Inc.

## LEATHER SCENE

## EVENTURES IN LEATHER

## Thursday, Jan. 9

Be the first Big Basket winner at the Edge tonight with Danny Williams doing the "interrogation." Beer bust at 2000, contest at 2200. Win \$100 and fame!

Looking for Mr./Ms. Butt-rageous at Daddy's, 2000-2300, with a \$6 beer bust, raffle tickets and prizes by Leather Daddy Loren Berthelson — benefits the AIDS Emergency Fund.

## Saturday, Jan. 11

Mr. Sacramento Leather contest at the Wreck Room (2513 Broadway) in the capital at 2200. The \$3 admission also includes all-male entertainment and leather auction. Contestants should contact Spike at (916) 441-2546.

"Boots to Brim" contest at Greg's Ballroom in San Jose by Mr./Ms. Santa Clara County Leather, 2000-2300, \$5 beer bust, 50/50 raffle and prizes for winners — benefits the Center for Living With the Dying.

Emperor and Empress Gala, presenting this year's hopefuls at the Holiday Inn Golden Gate at 1900; tickets are \$10/\$15.

## Sunday, Jan. 12

The gay basketball players are supposed to be hosting the beer bust at the SF-Eagle today, but they didn't send out any info.

## Monday, Jan. 13

Yellow Hanky night at Daddy's, 2100-2400, with a beer bust, but the flier I got didn't mention any price.

## Wednesday, Jan. 15

Show off your best or raunchiest skivvies at Underwear Buddies tonight at 933 Harrison. Clothes

check mandatory. Call 979-0573 if unclear on the concept.

## Thursday, Jan. 16

The 1998 Bare Chest Calendar contest gets underway at 2100 at the SF-Eagle; they'll be picking Mr. January 1998. Win \$100. Fame! Benefits the AEF.

## Weekend Jan. 17-19

Uniform mavens will flock to Portland, Ore., for Andy (in Uniform Magazine) Mangels' Portland Uniform weekend. (See column for details.)

## Friday, Jan. 17

The Outcasts MC meets for the first time this year. Call 487-5170 if you want to join forces with dedicated leather women.

## Saturday, Jan. 18

Bears of SF beer bust at the Lone Star Saloon, 1900-1900, to benefit Intl. Bear Rendezvous scholarships for PWA bears. No price given.

## Monday, Jan. 20

The Rope Woman (Lou Duff) continues her Hands on Rope workshops for intermediate bondage people, 1900-2200. Tonight's subject: "Body and Head Harnesses." Call 550-0122 for cost and location.

## Wednesday, Jan. 22

Leather Buddies at 933 Harrison. Doors open 2100-2300. Dress code strictly enforced. No cologne! Boots and leather mandatory. Call 979-0242.

Golden Gate Guards beer bust at Daddy's, 2000-2300. Beer bust prices increased to \$7 from here on out. Always fun with the Guards!

## Imperial pageantry

by Sweet Lips

Ala 1997, a presentation of the candidates for the offices of emperor and empress de San Francisco, will take place on Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Holiday Inn Golden Gate's Emerald Ballroom (Van Ness and Pine). The doors open at 6 p.m., and the flier says the event will start "promptly" at 7 p.m. (uh-huh). The tickets are \$10/\$15, and the soiree includes a salute to Their Most Imperial Majesties, Reigning Emperor Steve Valone and Empress Cockatielia; five-year, 15-year and 25-year emperor and empress anniversary presentations (break out the walkers!); official candidate production presentations; Imperial Family walk (or traipe); and, of course, stupendous dragola entertainment. Mark your calendars in red, because Coronation '97 will be held at the Gift Center (888 Brannan) on Saturday, Feb. 22. Hopefully, this year's elections will not be marred by the vicious infighting (you know how I hate that!) that marked last year's emperor controversy.

They're ba-a-a-ck! And better than ever I might add! The sensational Max Gould is holding down the fort — or at least the plank — at the Cinch Saloon (1723 Polk) as of January 17. He'll be traversing the boards Fri.-Sun., 3-7 p.m. Plus, the fabulous Ronnie Lynn is at the Polk Rendezvous (1303 Polk) Mon.-Weds., 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., and Sat.-Sun., 3-8 p.m. The old dears would love to see all their friends and acquaintances, so do drop by for a libation or two and give them a much-deserved thrill.

Ginger's Trois (246 Kearny) is now having party time every Sat-



Chaz, Barton, Dick Deemer, and Sweet Lips at the El Drunko bar.

urday from noon to 8 p.m., so don't miss the fun.

The effervescent and permanently perky Montana and Victoria Secret are starring in *En Drag* on Friday nights at Kimo's (1351 Polk), with shows at 10 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. The \$3 cover is well worth it to see these torrid dragsters do their thing!

All you would-be ladies and gentlemen, start making plans (and laying in a supply of depilatories) for that Cable Car Award-winning event, the Closet Ball, where men are women and women are, well, uncertain. Anyway, this year's bash will be at the Gift Center on Saturday, May 3. Tickets should be available soon; call David Webb at the Giraffe (474-1702) for more information.

The infamous Lone Star Saloon (1354 Harrison), home to

beer, bears and beards (not to mention half the B.A.R. staff), is throwing a Murderers' Row beer bust on Sunday, Jan. 12, 4-8 p.m., and a Bears of San Francisco beer bust on Saturday, Jan. 18, 3-7 p.m. See where the hirsute hang out! See ursine mating rituals performed before your very eyes! Enjoy exotic aromas!

Contact Marlena's (Hayes and Octavia) at 864-6672 for information regarding Empress "Our Lady of the Flowers" Bella's 30th anniversary. You wouldn't want to miss the tribute to this floral and florid genius, still one of the great beauties of Castro Street!

Steve Rascher will be hosting the Portland Party on Saturday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m., at the Giraffe (1131 Polk). Don't miss the fun!

And, of course, on Friday, Feb. 14, my stomping grounds, the Polk Rendezvous, will be throwing a huge Valentine's Day party (details to come). Won't you please be my valentine? Hey, I'll even throw in a free cocktail! ▼



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# OUT & ABOUT

## Calendare

by Roberto Friedman



Queen, woodblock print by Jeffrey Ketcham

## Haus style

**A** top Nob Hill, art dealers James Bacchi and Annette Schutz are exhibiting a show of fine arts in a flat which used to be Bacchi's home. ArtHaus is an unusual venue for a gallery; Bacchi and Schutz, former directors of Martin Lawrence Gallery, opened it last fall in order to show museum-quality art in a way that enables collectors "to see art in a space that's not a 5,000-square-foot raw space," according to Bacchi.

The smell of oil paint greets the ArtHaus visitor. Paintings, sculptures, works on paper, and photographs fill every available space. The advantages of exhibiting in such an intimate setting appear to go beyond cutting down overhead. The arrangement "allows us not to be tied to a retail space," says Schutz. "Collectors can get a sense of what an artwork will look like in their home."

Their current show, "Beneath the Surface," emphasizes surface texture and technique. Bay Area artist Jeffrey Ketcham's work is a fascinating example: he makes prints from woodblock carvings, then (while most printmakers score or otherwise destroy their screens) incorporates the woodblocks as low-relief sculptures in larger works. Here, ebony carvings are set into a three-part standing screen, also made from ebony, in an homage to women. Elaborate Ketcham boxes, crafted from ebony and maple, open to reveal more delights: in the case of a "Shell Box," a hand-carved sand dollar, starfish, coral and shells.

Other highlights include Adam Kurtzman's demons, puppets and masks made from paper-mâché. It's not your usual fine arts material, but Kurtzman (creator of Mr. Big Head on *Pee-wee's Playhouse*) has fashioned paper, layer by layer over clay, into art. A muscleboy puppet will especially please B.A.R. readers. ▼

**ArtHaus**, 1053 Bush Street, Suite 2, is open Tues.-Sat., 10am-6pm, by appointment only. "Beneath the Surface" remains on view through April 19. Call 922-8219.

## Feb

### Club nZinga

Global dance party, DJ Jose Ruiz. \$5. 9pm-2am. El Rio, 3158 Mission. 282-3325.

### Drag Cabaret

Aspiring performers sign up by phone, hostess Billy de Herrera. \$5. 10pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

### En Drag

Female impersonators revue, hosted by Chablis. \$3. 2 drink min'm. 10&11:30pm. Kimo's, 1351 Polk. 885-4535.

### Everything Relative

Six lesbians in their mid-thirties in North Hampton: Sharon Pollock's film. Nightly at 7&9:15pm; Sat., Sun., Wed. also at 2&4:30pm. Thru 1/23. \$6. Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St. 863-1087.

### MIX:

### Polymorphous Perversions

Taboo sex practices in queer films and videos, curated by Charles Lofton and Daniel Schott. \$5. 8pm. ATA, 992 Valencia. 824-3890.

### Proposal for Surf Vietnam

Simon Leung's installation proposal for site-specific project on reconciliation between Vietnam and U.S. Tues.-Sat. thru 2/1. Refusalon, 20 Hawthorne. 546-0158.

### Queers and Peers

Ney Fonseca and Anne Bluthenthal probe relationship between lesbians and gay men thru solo and duet dances. Thurs.-Sat. thru 1/18. \$10 advance, \$12 door. 8pm. Dancers' Group Studio Theater, 3221 22nd St. 824-5044.

### Revival!

High energy workshops celebrating spirituality and social justice, sponsored by MCC-SF and City of Refuge Comm. Church, Fri.-Sun. Opening service tonight, 7pm, City of Refuge, Post & Mason. 863-4434.

### Sicks Appeal

Dragapella Beauty Shop Quartet perform vamp a cappella. Thurs.-Fri. at 8pm, Sat. at 8&10pm thru 2/1. \$16-20. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness. 861-8972.

### Still Life

Works by Giovanni Casadei, Theophilus Brown, Carol Doyle, more. Reception tonight, 6pm. Tues.-Sat. thru 1/30. Mulligan-Shanoski, 747 Post. 771-0663.

### Under the Sun

Exhibition of photographs by British artists Christopher Bucklow, Susan Derges, Garry Fabian Miller, Adam Fuss. Thru 1/11. Fraenkel Gallery, 49 Geary. 981-2661.

### Vanities

Gay version of Jack Heifner's comedy: lives of three Texas football players. Extended thru 1/11, call for dates. \$16-20. 8pm. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness. 861-8972.

Steve Savage

### The Wedding Banned

David Mills faces the queer truth about weddings in a solo comic monologue. Thru 1/12. \$12. 8pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

### A Woman Alone

Julia Baldassari-Litchman in *Francia Rame* one-act, and Dario Fo one-act *Duet for a Solo Voice*. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm thru 1/12. \$12-15. The Next Stage, 1648 Bush. 648-6467.

Dr. Randi Ettner reads from *Confessions of a Gender Defender*, Sunday at A Different Light. See listing.

### Dancing for the Spirit of the Streets

Choreographers Rebecca



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## Sat

### Bridges

"A Collaborative Project," 115th Annual Exhibition, includes Ann Chamberlain, Ian Pollock & Janet Silk, more. Tues.-Sat. thru 1/12. Walter-McBean Gallery, SFAI, 800 Chestnut. 749-4545.

### Dancing for the Spirit of the Streets

Choreographers Rebecca

Salzer, Emily Keeler and others perform, benefits Tenderloin Reflection and Education Center. \$10-25. 8pm. New College Theater, 777 16th St. 861-2900.

### Diva:

"Honoring Opera's Legendary Women" exhibition of documentary photos, sculpture and paintings of great prima donnas. Last day. Terrain, 165 Jessie. 543-0656.

### Gay Comedy Night

Marilyn Pittman, Janis Lipton, Tom Ammiano. \$10. 10pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

### Kitka

Women's vocal ensemble, Eastern European and choral works, farewell to artistic director Bon Brown. \$13 adv/\$15 door. 8:15pm. Nove Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. 454-5238.

### Latino Potluck

Grupo Socio Cultural Hispano, Spanish-speaking Bay Area gay men and friends, holds monthly potluck. Call for info. 863-7087.

### Lavender Seniors

Group for gays & lesbians over 55 hold potluck. Noon. 1395 Bancroft, San Leandro. (510) 247-2406.

### Leather and Lace

Drag show hosted by Tiger Lily, new performers welcome. No cover; 2 drink min'm. Doors 10pm, show 11pm. Kimo's, 1351 Polk. 885-4535.

### The Stand-In

Keith Curran's satire on homophobia in movie biz, directed by Danny Scheie. Opens tonight, \$20. Wed.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 3&7pm.

\$12-18. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. 861-5079.

## Sun

### Art- Wear It!

International group show of high fashion and wearable art. Last day. Artfibers Gallery, 124 Sutter. 956-6319.

### Cami Thompson

Vocalist, accompanied by Si Perkoff on piano and bass. 7-11pm. Alta Plaza, 2301 Fillmore. 922-1444.

### Opera Ensemble

Frederick Winston, artistic director, members of SF Opera Chorus perform Verdi's *Otelio*. \$9. 4pm. Old First Church, Van Ness at Sacramento. 474-1608.

### PFLAG

Ed Finley and David Gillis-Finley show scenes from their wedding and interview on ABC-TV's *Turning Point*, free. 3pm. St. Francis Lutheran, 152 Church. 921-8850.

### Mecca

A Salon with a Difference, Merle Woo, Tommi Avicilli Mecca, Joan Jet Blakk. Kick-off, 1pm. (Open mike, sign up 12:30pm.) A Different Light, 489 Castro. 431-0891.

### Dr. Randi Ettner

Reads from *Confessions of a Gender Defender*, psychologist's account of working with "gender identity disorder." free. 7:30pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 431-0891.

### Stanford Woodwind Quintet

With Robin Sutherland, play Rimsky-Korsakov, Barber, Poulenc, more. \$8-12. 2pm. Temple Emanu-el, 2 Lake. 392-4400.

### Yoong Bae

Paintings and prints by Korean-born modernist artist. Wed.-Sun. thru 4/20. \$6. Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park. 379-8801.

## Mon

### Barbie Takes a Vacation

Biker Barbie on the road, Malibu Barbie poolside, Tropical Barbie on holiday, more vignettes. Thru 3/15. South Terminal, SF International Airport. 876-7883.

### Dana Atherton Duo

Piano and bass perform, 7-11pm. Alta Plaza, 2301 Fillmore. 922-1444.

### Duplicity

Photography by Brendan Kozik using transparencies and found objects. Thru Jan. Mad Magda's Russian Tea Room, 579 Hayes. 864-7654.

### Gay Comedy Open Mike

Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone, MC Suzy Berger. \$5. 8pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

### Golden Gate Monuments

George Clapper's black-and-white photographs of monuments in Golden Gate Park. Thru 4/2. Veterans Bldg., 3rd fl., 401 Van Ness. 252-2593.

**John LeFlore**

Paintings and drawings on show thru 1/23. Suzanne's Muffins, 564 Castro. 864-4266.

**L.A. Performances—**

"Moving North," Carol Cetrone's lecture/video presentation from *Damaged Goods* series. \$4-7. 7:30pm. Transmission Theater, 314 11th St. 346-6456.

**Tues 14****Astronomy, Optics and Outer Space:**

*Photography Beyond the Limits* exhibit, Tues.-Sun. thru 3/16. \$5. Ansel Adams Center for Photography, 250 4th St. 495-7000.

**Brownie Mary**

Dennis Peron and Mary Rathbun host book party for *Brownie Mary's Marijuana Cookbook*, free. 7:30pm. Modern Times, 888 Valencia. 282-9246.

**The Cryptogram**

West Coast premiere of David Mamet's drama: disintegration of a marriage thru boy's eyes. Opens tonight, Wed.-Sat. at 8:30pm, call for Sun. times, thru 2/9. \$17-21. Magic Theatre, Bldg. D, Fort Mason. 441-8822.

**Fiberotica**

Exhibition of 2- and 3-dimensional erotica expressed in fiber. Thru 3/15. Artfibers Gallery, 124 Sutter. 956-6319.

**Foggy City Dancers**

Gay & lesbian square dancing, free introductory classes 1/14, 21 & 28. 7:30pm. Live Oak School, 117 Diamond. 905-4546.

**It's Only Rock & Roll**

"Rock & Roll Currents in Contemporary Art" exhibition, Tues.-Sun. thru 2/16. Bedford Gallery, Dean Lesher Reg'l Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. (510) 295-1417.

**Open Auditions**

For Golden Gate Men's Chorus. 6:30-8pm. St. Francis Lutheran, 152 Church. 771-9731.

**QTV**

Gay and lesbian programming. Tues. at 7pm. Cable Channel 47. 956-1284.

**Suburbia**

Vintage photographs by Bill Owens. Tues.-Sat. thru 1/25. Robert Koch Gallery, 49 Geary. 421-0122.

**Wed 15****Beach Blanket Babylon**

Musical revue extravaganza shows, call for schedule. \$18-45. Tonight at 8pm. Club Fugazi, 678 Green. 421-4222.

**Musty Chiffon**

Busty lounge singer live: psychedelic camp repertoire. Wed.-Sun. at 8pm thru 2/2.

\$12. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

**Real World**

Exhibition of nine artists who explore implications of scale. Thru 3/1.

New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom. 626-5416.

**Travels with My Aunt**

ACT's premiere of Giles Havergal's adaptation star Ken Ruta, Geoff Hoyle, Charles Dean. Thru 2/2, call for times. \$19-47.50. Tonight at 8pm. Geary Theater, 415 Geary. 749-2228.

**Trees of Life:**

"Symbols of Fertility and Regeneration" exhibit. Wed.-Sun. thru 2/14. \$3. Mexican Museum, Bldg. D, Fort Mason Ctr. 441-0404.

**Thur 16****Beneath the Surface**

Group show, paintings, sculpture, photography and works on paper, features Astrid, Suzanne Benton, Jeffrey Ketcham, more. By appointment thru 4/19. ArtHaus, 1053 Bush. 922-8219.

**Dad Fought Hitler, the Bottle & Me**

Mick Berry's solo performance. Thurs.-Sat. thru 2/1.

Mick Berry drops in. His solo performance, *Dad Fought Hitler, the Bottle and Me*, is at Venue 9. See Thursday.

**\$10. 8pm. Venue 9, 252 9th St. 626-2169.****El Camino Cha Cha Orchestra**

Plays the Cork Club. Thurs. thru Jan. \$4 cover. 10pm. Bruno's, 2389 Mission. 550-7455.

**Entertaining Mr. Sloane**

Joe Orton's drama: brother and sister's rivalry for a young man's affections. Opens tonight at 8pm. Fri. & Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 7pm thru 2/23. \$14-16. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St. 621-4423.

**Exile**

50 years of expressionist sculpture exhibition. Mon.-

Fri. thru 1/31. Gallery on the Rim, 333 3rd St. 453-7007.

**Figures and Interiors**

American realism exhibition. Mon.-Sat. thru 2/15. John Pence Gallery, 750 Post. 441-1138.

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Exhibition of paintings of rayon and dye on canvas. Thru 2/1. Brauenstein/Quay Gallery, 250 Sutter. 392-5532.

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**Visual Alliance**

Exhibit by 4 American photography students and their mentor, Michelle Vignes. Mon.-Sat. thru 2/8. Alliance Francaise de SF, 1345 Bush. 775-7755.

Kari French performs at Carol Cetrone's *Damaged Goods*. Cetrone's presentation *L.A. Performances—Moving North* will take place Monday night at the Transmission Theatre. See listing.



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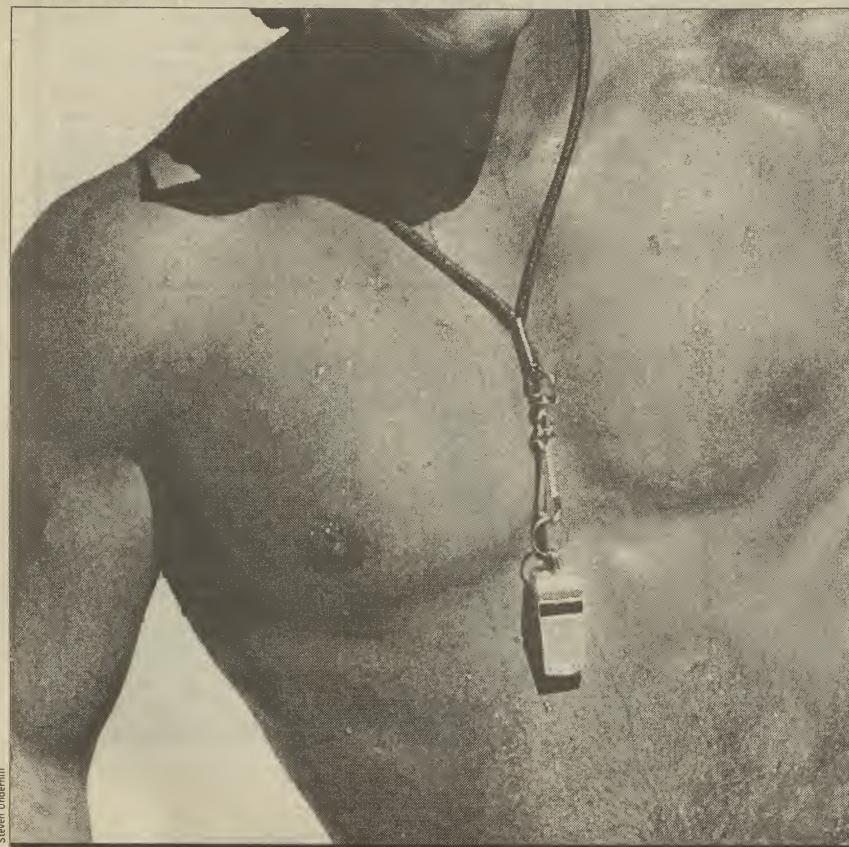
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## PARTING GLANCES

**Mark @ Tearoom** 12/4  
You brn hair and goatee. You gave an incredible blow job for hr. Lets get together soon. Randy. ☎ 4201.

**Joe From Castro Street**  
Who read homer on the beach in Puerto Vallarta. Met on the beach in November 16th I lost you. Looked everywhere. Like to get to know you. Call me. Frank. ☎ 4203.

**Berkeley 12/3**  
James of Bernal Heights I goofed and did not return, tired and confused, not usually so socially malaprops, another chance? Dinner? Coffee? ☎ 4203.

**Walgreen's Pharmacy** on 18th 12/12/96. You, tall mustache, handsome, smiling asked for information. Me: tall, black, earrings. We must meet. Please contact. ☎ 4204.

**Mahj**  
Great Green x-mas ball nice meeting please call B4 Dec 31st. Scary Gary. ☎ 4205.

**Eri At My Place**  
You said I looked "really fine." Delightful conversation. You lied about returning. I waited, I'm pissed but you were interesting and enticing. Let's talk. Maybe try again. Oakland Al. ☎ 4246.

**Kyle**  
You were moving Parsons Engineering out of their 1301 Marina Village parking offices December 13th. We spoke at the elevator. You're beautiful, charming. Let's talk. ☎ 4247.

**Universe 12/4**  
Rob, you asked me to dance. We talked a while. Lost you when you went to call your friend. Please call, Kevin. ☎ 4248.

**Peets On Market** 12/15-Twice  
I wore gray v-neck t-shirt. Got shy & didn't give you my card, I'd still like to. Pls call. ☎ 4249.

**Muni/Church Thurs 12/12 8:30AM**  
You: white, 5'11", green jacket, 2 ear rings on left ear. Me: Asian, 5'10", gray suit, heavy coat, stand next to you. We glanced, got off @ Montgomery. Coffee or tea? Please call. ☎ 4301.

**12/16 Urban Outfitters Tall, Dark & Handsome!** You were shopping w/a girl, I was waiting for my friend. Me: tall, sideburns, leather jacket. We said hi, then bye. I would like to say hi again. ☎ 4302.

**Golden Shower Buddies** 11 Dec 1 Me: shaved head, Italian, you pushed me to my knees in corner of tub room. I had too much beer—needed fresh air. (Sorry) thirsty for repeat and more! ☎ 4303.

**SF Opera Jacket**  
Saw you buying Dunhills & Scotch in a Larkspur liquor store. I was behind you with glasses. Our eyes met, wish I said hello. Can we try again? ☎ 4304.

**Steamworks Tues. 12/17 6:30**  
You: blond, great build. Me: mustache, balding, bear type. Fooled around twice, would like to again. Call up. ☎ 4305.

**Diamond Hgts X-Mas party** 12/8 You (WM) pointed at me (Asian-looking w/long blk hair) as I was leaving w/friend. I can do more than smile at you next time, call me! ☎ 4306.

**Most Holy Redeemer X-mas Day**  
You: mustache & goatee at 10 AM services with friend. Me: alone in grey pinstrip suit. After church I was in my burgundy Isuzu Rodeo & you waved to me. ☎ 4401.

**Mark**  
You were up early. I was up late. Met you after your airport run. Get in touch, Gus. ☎ 4440.

**Under One Roof** 12/23  
You: beautiful eyes, salt & pepper hair, wearing a dark suit. Me: Latino, dark curly hair. I was wearing light shorts & a dark top. I see you often but never bold enough to talk to you. ☎ 4402.

**1/26 By Castro Theatre**  
Our eyes met. I followed you. You met a friend. I still followed you. You: blue jacket, hood. Me: blue jacket, gray hair. Your beautiful. Let's meet. Call. ☎ 4441.

## SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

**Some Guys Are Fussy**  
About who they let suck their dicks. So I'll send a photo. Leave your address when you call. If you approve, down I go to savor/swallow your load(s)! ☎ 4206.

**Respect Yourself**  
Romantic, stocky, GWM, 5'8", 250#, brown hair/yes, long eyelashes, boyish, responsible. Seeks average sized CM who can respect me as much I'll respect him. ☎ 4207.

**All I Want For X-mas Is You!**  
You are young and desirable. I am not so young, but still desirable. You can be any race. (Spanish Speaking a +) I live in the South Bay. ☎ 4208.

**Ensnares Los Limits??!**  
155#, blonde, HIV- in SF. Seeks honest, monogamous, loving, GLM, 28-36 for friendship. Let's celebrate the joys of 1997 together! absolutely infinite! ☎ 4210.

**Walking On The Beach**  
Kissing under the moonlight, sharing a bottle of wine together, cuddling on a Saturday morning, these are a few of my favorite things. GWM seeks GLM for romance and? ☎ 4219.

**Bearish Big Brother**  
Young GWM, 5'6", 118#, seeks sincere GWM 4 friends or more. Prefer hairy, stocky, caring honest. SF+. Must be HIV-. ☎ 4212.

**Nice Guy Skng Nice Guy**  
GWM, 40's, 6', 185#, br/bl, HIV+, professional, relationship oriented, fun, good-looking ex-midwesterner looking for grounded attractive GWM/GAM 30's in-shape who seeks LTR. ☎ 4213.

**Passionate-Romantic Asian Male**  
Sought by prime Italian male for companionship, romantic/passionate interludes, travel companion. Be sincere and free of prejudices. Willing to love and be loved. ☎ 4214.

**Slim Gdkgm Hip Retired Guy**  
Mustache, crewcut, 5'9", 150#, in good shape, versatile, HIV-, seeks similar slim 50+ facial hair guy. Small, small dick OK. Smoke OK. Safe only! ☎ 4215.

**Dating For Fun & Pleasure**  
Erotic Educator & sex worker (5'10", 170#, fit, versatile) seeks men to date, age 30-60, height & weight proportionate. N/S, N/D. ☎ 4216.

**I Want A Guy!**  
Sweet, 20yo, light Latino, Brn/Blu, slim, spontaneous, wants masculine, HIV-, Latino/Asian, 20-35, cute and fun to be with. Interested? Let's talk! ☎ 4217.

**Have Run One Recent Ad & Have Met** many good men. Yet no chemistry. Hot, HIV+, over 40, gym-toned, funny, sensual. Seeks similar to date. 30-48. ☎ 4209.

**Need A New Boyfriend?**  
WM, 52 (looks 30's), 5'11", 155#, clean shaven, NS/ND, HIV-, looking for AM, 25-35, short, slim, for LTR. Like 60's music, theater, dining, travel, scuba, photography, movies, dancing, cats. Affectionate, loyal, marriage-minded. ☎ 4315.

**Attractive Latino** 31  
5'7", 145#, dark features, mustache, goatee, hard core Latino looks, HIV-, healthy, NS/ND, light alcohol OK. I'm kind, thoughtful, warm & caring. Enjoy fun on reg basis. Reel oriented, passionate, serious only pls. ☎ 4218.

**Small Build GWM Bttm Wntd By GAM** for friendship poss LTR. HIV-, healthy, NS/ND, light alcohol OK. I'm kind, thoughtful, warm & caring. Enjoy fun on reg basis. Reel oriented, passionate, serious only pls. ☎ 4220.

**Chubby/Daddy/Teddy/Grizzly**  
Bare-Bear. 49, 6', 252, short hair, beard, stache. Hairy chest. 6' cut. Versatile. Vanilla & affection to light kink. You: Younger than I, trim and easy to the eyes. ☎ 4221.

**Rare GAM Born In Shanghai**  
Attractive 48, looks 30ish, 5'9", 150#, toned hot body. Loves music of Philip glass & art of Irving Norman. Seeks GM, to date, prefer 28-48, sexy, very fit & open minded. ☎ 4250.

**Mr. Martha Stewart Needs Lover**  
30, Martha Stewart-type GAM, elegant artist/writer, nice-looking, stylish, intelligent, smooth body, seeks GWM, 30-50, to enjoy good quality living together. You: mature, handsome husband-type. ☎ 4251.

**Handsome Muscular Italian** 38, 6'2", 185#, into fitness, travel, romance & quiet times, seeks another HIV-, extremely well hung man for monogamous relationship. ☎ 4252.

**Country Man Wanted**  
GWSM 32, 5'6", 150#, muscular kooky humorous midwesterner ISO LTR. You: 32+, studly, muscular. Needing affection & love. I cook 4U, my place in N. Ca. ☎ 4253.

**Attractive Latin 25**  
HIV+, 5'7", 165#, witty, masculine, muscular, seeking Latinos or Caucasians, 24-35, for friendship, perhaps more. Outgoing, independent & open-minded (no stereo types) only. ☎ 4254.

**Friend Wanted**  
Seeking GWM, 28-45 yrs who enjoys music, movies & quality fun time. I'm Asian, 29, 6', 170#, goodlooking & well build, mature w/a sense of humor. Look forward to hearing from you. ☎ 4255.

**East Bay HIV+ - Top Wanted**  
Must have dark hair, brown eyes, mustache. HIV+, GWM, 34, blue, blonde, 6', 185#, handsome, passive in Concord area needs boyfriend, LTR. ☎ 4256.

**Looking For Sexy Black Man**  
Would like to meet a cute BM, 25-34, who is fun, secure, NS, smooth, toned lean body. I am WM, 34, 6', 165#, handsome, dark hair, big brown eyes, nice smile, NS, tight lean body & gdking. Be versatile & HIV-. ☎ 4307.

**Attention "Cornfed" GWM/GLM**  
Clean-cut but sexualized, friendly, athletic, GWM, 27, 5'10", 165#, enjoys sensual sex, conversations, movies, spirituality, travel, music seeks mid-west values, comedic, outgoing, athletic; prefers 27-37, 170#+, 5'10"+, versatile, HIV-, NS/ND for fun!! ☎ 4308.

**Hndsm Bearded Bottom GWM 43**  
HIV+, healthy, 5'11", 155#, br/gr, lightly hairy, gum & yoda toned. ISO hot top for sensual naughty sex. Like facial hair, big men, any race. Bears, Daddies A+. ☎ 4309.

**To Ron — From Robert**  
You left message on my machine weekend after Thanksgiving, but I missed your number. Please call back with your phone number & the time I can best reach you. Thanks. ☎ 4310.

**North Bay Fuck Buddy**  
Wanted by GWM, 40, 6', 180#, hairy chest, nice butt, versatile, goodlooking. Seeks NS for adventure/LTR. Like motorcycles, nude beaches. ☎ 4311.

**A Natural Man**  
Gym toned HIV- man seeks a naturally masculine bi-sexual or gay, butch, take charge down to earth kind of man to share a dream with. Curious? Let's talk. ☎ 4312.

**Holiday Blues**  
Extraverted Asian man seeking other for holiday cheer. Tired of being alone? ISO who are friendly, sharing, hugging and warm. Let's see what we can unwrap. ☎ 4313.

**72 Years Young**  
ISO lover, 18-24 yo. Must be fit, trim, financially independent. Race not important. Let's do the wild things! ☎ 4314.

## Salt And Pepper

**Handsome GBM, 42, 6', 190#, seeks handsome GWM under 42** for friendship and fun. Prefer HIV-, mustache, non-balding, trim, in-shape, & masculine. ☎ 4316.

**Hot Hung Aggressive Man Wants A Sub, hungry oral bottom. I'm 58, 5'8", 130#, good build. Into leather, affection, hot body contact, many things. Call if in good shape 7 eager to please. Thank you. ☎ 4317.**

**Hot Latina**  
Attractive, 48, masculine, looks 30ish, 5'7", 130#, toned hot body. Seeking GAM, Pacific Islander< GBM, or GLM, HIV+, NS, for potential LTR. ☎ 4318.

**100% Cotton And Brown Leather Guy**  
Attractive, sexy, charming/photographer, writer, experienced lover. Seeks 21-38 yo "model" image. Guess, Tommy, Polka guy my type. Love flannel, denim, corduroy, buttons, zippers, boxers, briefs. HIV-/eventual Leather. ☎ 4319.

**U Got 2 B Real**  
ISO masculine, black man for friendship & more. Me: 29, 5'8", 180#, hairy, tattoos, HIV+, gay Hawaiian male. Need not be HIV+ but you must be stable & real. ☎ 4320.

**New Year Man**  
GAM, 42, 5'5", 115#, smooth, youthful, bottom. Enjoy cuddling, kissing, outdoors, coffee, travel, smoker, HIV-. You: over 5'8", weight proportionate, under 45, black/white (black A+), HIV+, for friendship/more. ☎ 4403.

**Nice Guy Seems Same**  
GWPM, 5'10", 160#, clean shaven. Enjoy hiking, camping, dogs, cooking, movies. You: GWM, GAM, mas., trim, 18 to 40. Enjoy getting fucked A+. ☎ 4404.

**Intelligent Honest Boyish**  
Seeking unique individual, 21-27, Asian, Latin, white. Non-scene, stable, employed, educated. No drugs/nicotine/alcohol. Outdoors type, smooth, not hung, oral. Me: 30, 6'2", 195#, brown/blue. ☎ 4405.

**Sex Outdoors?**  
Long ride, sweaty bodies, wet lips, kiss for an hour. Or one-on-one basketball! I'm masculine, GWM, 37, 6', 165#, very fit, nice body, nice eyes, cute, would like to try submissive sex/wh/versatile or top. Would like to find friends & LTR. B and Latin A+. ☎ 4406.

**Lonely In Sacramento**  
GWM, 35, 5'10", 185#, black, brown eyes, goodlooking, HIV-, versatile, to meet GM, 18-45, for fun & friendship. ☎ 4407.

**Cool GWM 4 Warmhearted GAM**  
Handsome, educated, GWM, 40ish, designer, 6'2", 190#, brown eyes & hair. I enjoy art, theater, music, travel, entertaining @ the home. Seek educated Asian with style for?? ☎ 4408.

**So Fine**  
Masculine, gym-toned Asian, 49, 5'9", seeks lean or muscular, clean-shaven WM for fun and adventurous activities. Enjoy workouts, sports, dancing, hiking, arts, diverse music and witty humor. ☎ 4409.

**White Boyish 39, ISO Black Top**  
Me: bottom, boyish, slender, blue eyes, light brown hair, country singer, 39, healthy, HIV+. You: top, masculine, 45 or under, NS, ready for responsibility, medium to stocky A+. ☎ 4410.

**Topman Seeks Boy Wonder**  
Masculine, long haired, blond/blue, handsome, young 39, 6', 165#, HIV-, nice dick, down to earth, seeks skinny to muscular bottom boy, 18-32, any race, straight-acting, HIV-, sincere. ☎ 4411.

**Sex Slave Companion**  
GWM, 52, 5'7", 150#, masculine top, HIV-. NS: You: need to suck, fuck, serve, bottom, HIV-; between 25-40. Prefer quiet, serious, passive in-shape, intellectual type. ☎ 4412.

**Black Man, Short, Natural**  
Dreds, beard, mustache, 40, 6'1", 160#, HIV-, seeks companions. I'm a musician, music teacher, gardener and masseur. ND/NS/NA. I'm vegetarian & into very simple living. Spiritual. Not looking for a sex buddy. I live in the mountains of Mendocino county, in a small cabin. ☎ 4413.

**Spiritual Native American?**  
GAM seeks gay Native American, 35+, for close friendship & sensual intimacy. Me: 45, 5'6", 165#, boyish with sincere inner spirit. ☎ 4442.

**Seeking Submissive Leather Boy**  
Into bondage & discipline, 25-35, GWM, in-shape, no beard, clean-cut, leather, toys, mild SM by Asian male, 6', 170#, muscular, LTR possible. ☎ 4443.

**Country Man Wanted**  
GWM, 32, 5'6", 150#, muscular, kooky, humorous midwesterner ISO LTR. You: 32+, study, muscular. Needing affection & love. I cook 4U. My place in N. Ca. ☎ 4444.

**Nice Guy Looking To Date**  
Attractive, young looking 41, GWM, healthy HIV+, 5'6", 140#, lean, muscular. Enjoys travel, reading, gym, outdoors. Seeking attractive, 35-45, lean, defined, smooth to lightly hairy, hun. NS. ☎ 4445.

## SEEKING ADVENTURE

**Raunchy Young Studs**  
Dominant, under 30, cute, sexy, wanting to get serviced then get real raunchy for w/s to .... share some fantasies with me, bring a buddy? ☎ 4222.

**Sweaty Sex Wtd By Toned Latin**  
Large endowment. Bottom versatile. Digs oral sex, porno, jock straps and more with big dicks. 5'7", 155#. Call anytime. Lets mess around. ☎ 4223.

**I'm Looking For The Biggest Cocks in SF.** I'll do anything you want if it's 10' or more. Leave a description. ☎ 4224.

**Serious Cock Sucker**  
47, GWM, HIV-, seeks serious cocks 8" or better, cut or uncut. For great laid back service. Any race, age, serious only. Downtown SF. ☎ 4225.

**East Bay Cumeteer**  
Hot, sexy, Spanish guy love to swallow loads. Recip OK but not required. Uncut a+. Must be clean, discreet. East Bay only. ☎ 4226.

**What's It All About?**  
Very BiWM, 33, goodlooking, in shape, HIV-, seeking similar GWM under 40 who's patient and sincere to take me by the? And show me what it's about. ☎ 4227.

**Ride On My Bushy Mustache**  
And feel my long tongue up your hot butt. Me: 6', 165#, brn/blu, 39. You: hot and ready. ☎ 4228.

**Latino Wanted...**  
GWM, 27, 150#, swimmers build, French/German, green eyes, seeking Latino playmate. ☎ 4229.

**Sexual Adventure**  
Gdkng, 33, brn/bl, 5'7", hot hungry bottom, GWM, cute, in good shape, hairy chest, Like jockstraps, leather and masculine men. ☎ 4230.

**Tight Bubble Butt**  
Needs a man with a big hard dick to plow me long and hard. I'm 26yo, 5'7", 140#, mustache, goatee, shaved head & balls. ☎ 4231.

**San Jose, Hung/Hard Bodied Only**  
Straight acting, 34yo locker, 5'8", 145#, 29" waist, 7" x 5" cut, shave hot hole & balls squeaky clean and hot for blacks, Latinos etc. Lets party. Bring a buddy. ☎ 4232.

**Kick Back! Long Sessions**  
GWM, 5'10", 160#, brn/bl, clean shaven, fun, fun to suck cock and balls. Sk, masc, GWM/L/Asian 18-45 couples OK. Reg service possible. ☎ 4233.

**Black Master Where Are You?**  
WM, 38, tall, slim, gdkng, intelligent, submissive, seeks professional BM, hung 8"+, HIV-, mature, to teach me gentle and with respect the pleasure of being dominated. Any age, couple welcome. ☎ 4234.

**Muscular Fuck Buddy Wanted**  
Very horny, muscular, hung, 29yo BM, 59, 180 is looking for a safe honest, masculine, muscular, sex guy for continuous long sessions of male sex. Hung a+. ☎ 4235.

**Shamanic SM**  
Bondage master (rope) interested in Shamanism wants independent masochist and/or submissive 30-47yo for partnership. Be in-shape. I'm 5'9", 180#, handsome, muscular sadist. Exp & serious only. ☎ 4236.

**Tired From The Holidays?**  
Stop by my place for a hot tongue buried up your butt by a hot Italian, 43, 6', 190#, facial hair, & relax & get off tonight. ☎ 4237.

**I Fall On My Knees**  
...you hear the angels' voices. Kick back for comprehensive oral relief from: GWM, bottomless throat, 6', 170#, goatee, 40's, big grin, big heart, fairly big brain. Nice fellas too. Arrive very full; leave completely empty. ☎ 4258.

**Go Ahead, Show It Off**  
Play with it, get it hard, get it off near a window or in your car where you will be seen by appreciative eyes. I love to watch exhibitionistic guys. ☎ 4259.

**Marathon Party Service**  
Smooth lean, masculine, 33 yrs GWM, 5'9", insatiable appetite for service for GWM Dad/Jock. Handsome, masculine, very well endowed man likes to kick back & party for a weekend. No recip. ☎ 4260.

**Cover My Face With Your Cum**  
Mature, straight, seeking senior citizen to fulfill my New Year fantasy, watching you jerk off, see, feel, your hot load on my face as I fondle your balls. ☎ 4261.

**Dominant Asian Tops Wanted**  
Heavy set GWM, bottom looking for Asian tops. Dominant & passionate a must. Bring your friends along there is enough for everyone. ☎ 4262.

**Wanted: Big Bears**  
Who are tired of always being on top, from basic stuff to safe but kinky action. I'm 35, WM, 5'9", 175#, searching for bear who know what they need. ☎ 4263.

**Adventurous GWM**  
Goodlooking, healthy, HIV+, bottom; looking for fun, sex & a possible relationship. I'm 32, 5'9", 140#, br hair, green eyes, goatee; interested in art, politics, enjoys diversity in both intellectual & sexual pursuits. ☎ 4264.

**Master Knows**  
The mark of a true slave is open mouth piss fuck hole. UB: ht/wt proportionate. Facial hair a plus. Master's commanding, not sadistic, a handsome 41, 5'10", 170#, br/bl, HIV-. ☎ 4322.

**Beginner's Dungeon Fantasy**  
BD, CBT, WS, gags, blinds, restraints, humiliation and worship. I'm positive, 37, 5'10", 145#, bl/bl, 501s. Take me "down" sir or sirs Sir/SJ. All detailed calls returned. ☎ 4323.

**Showing Off Assholes**  
Need to show my hole to Asians/watch them show their holes. Let's shamelessly/publicly examine, enjoy, discuss our exposed holes. WM, 40, 5'11", 165#, 7X5, average looks. ☎ 4324.

**Cockplay-J/0, Oral, Kissing Pal**  
Enjoy being stroked by a slick hand. Your balls being sucked & tugged? Enjoy stroking another cock? seeking pal for discreet extra cock play wkdly. Me: HIV-, 5'11", 48, 167#. Friendly, nice guy. Enjoy all cocks. UC A+++. ☎ 4341.

**Steam Heat**  
Gdkng Poz buttbody ISO 10 top fuck-buddies w/8+ who love to ride. Me: 5'11", 155#, brn/bl, 30. You: good shape, hung, Poz, 30-50. Smoke/drink OK. No drugs. ☎ 4325.

**ISO Hot Adven Top W/Exceptional**  
endowment that makes my cock rock hard & kinky, provocative ideas that stir my balls. GWM, 36, 5'5", 150#, attractive, well-built, hungry, adventurous bottom. Uncut, big balls/loads pluses. ☎ 4326.

**Bottom Seeks Bareback Tops**  
Horny butthole ISO cocks, cum & fists. I'm a sneaky promiscuous, 44, tall, trim, stache & goatee. ☎ 4327.

**Suck Buddy Wanted**  
Tall, GWM, 49, HIV-, goatee, smoker, cut, average hard plunger, looking for GWM, w/cut tool for oral celebration. ☎ 4328.

**Attention Short Guys 5'2"-5'7"**  
Into exploring sensual relaxed & fun times. GWM, 30, 5'6", great body and big dick. Friendly & easy to be with. Into same size guys. Be bold & adventurous. Call now. ☎ 4329.

**GBM Wants Hot Tongue**  
Eat my hot, clean, butt. Suck my tits & cock. If you want to pound me. Got a friend? Great! ☎ 4330.

**Seeking Hung Males**  
Blk male, 6'1", 185#, hung, clean shaven, muscular, masculine. Seeking other hung males for sex. Good butt a plus. ☎ 4331.

**Tight Butt For You**  
GWM, 27, 5'6", 125#, wants goodlooking young horny top. You must be hung, in shape & drug free. Foreigners a plus. I'm ready to please your buddy, too! ☎ 4332.

**Fire Down Below**  
Big ones intrigue me! Hung, healthy, trim guy seeks same. Age, looks unimportant, but be weight proportionate & orally oriented for fun & on going casual relationship. Maybe more. Dick. ☎ 4333.

**N. Bay Men**  
I'm HIV-, 56, 5'2", 115#. I love to suck & get fucked by big cocks. I have a hot hairy tight ass. Finger me. Then fuck my good. Days, weekends are best. My place in San Rafael. Explore your fantasies with my ass. ☎ 4334.

**Big Head Bent Cat Furved**  
GWM loves giving head HIV-, 45, any race or age cut or uncut over 7" please. Best head in town. ☎ 4321.

**Hung Big**  
Hot, 6', 35, 155#, goodlooking w/gym toned body, hung big seeks goodlooking top hung even bigger. ☎ 4335.

**Mature Daddy Seeks Son**  
To love discipline, and offer guidance. GWM Dad is attr, 73, 5'8", 170#, & his godking obedient son is 18-45. LTR? ☎ 4336.

**Daytime Action**  
Visiting SF. Stop by downtown hotel 12/26-1/15. Oral sex. Suit & ties. Verbal, boxers A+. Me: 5'8", 145#, brn/bl, 38, 8". ☎ 4337.

**San Francisco Guy Seeking Fun**  
Goodlooking San Francisco "top" guy, 34, medium build, seeks goodlooking "bottom" guy, in shape & under 35, for creative fun & adventure. Open to intimate connection. Give me a ring. ☎ 4338.

**Tie You Up Or Tie Me Down**  
Attractive GWM-toned, 35, 5'9", 155#. I'm looking for someone to explore light S&M, bondage for erotic torture pleasure. You must be trim, gym-toned, under 45, let's talk soon. ☎ 4339.

**Looking For Fantasy Guy**  
Are you tall & buffed. Want someone to service your needs. Massage, oral sex, kick back, relax, tell me what to do. ☎ 4340.

**GAM, 24, Looking For GWM**  
Between 20-37. Goodlooking, N Bottom. Interested in having a good time. ☎ 4414.

**Have It His Way**  
Surrender control to this handsome Hawaiian/American hunk, 35, with smooth, chiseled muscular body. Love to pump your face & butt. Get tied up & used enthusiastically! He will make you cum helplessly. You, cute, trim/muscular. ☎ 4423.

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**SF Hardbodies**  
Safe sex orgies, very selective hot group. Must be very goodlooking & great body. If you meet the criteria, you won't be disappointed. ☎ 4342.

**Latin Boy Seeks Expert Oral**  
Action, 5'10", 145#, smooth, seeking expert cock suckers, 18-35, for one time and/or regular basis. Days or evenings. ☎ 4343.

**Hot Nasty Boys Only**  
4 long intense fucking, UB GWM/GLM, 25-35 yo, clean shaven, good shape, ready to spread 'em. Me: hard, hot, top, GWM, 40, yo, in shape, 5'6", 140#, brn/bl. ☎ 4344.

**If You're Smooth**

Smooth & clean shaven. Cauc wanted for adult fun & play with Asian boy toy! Make me your man! ☎ 4345.

**North Bay Horny Dad Type**  
Seeks young guy for daytime fun. Non-possessive, no strings, no experience needed. Have fun with a man who will bring you pleasure. ☎ 4346.

**Seeking Tops Under 30**

You: sexy, horny, under 30, wants oral service and/or loves to fuck. Me: 35 yo, 5'10", grb/grb, 160#, wants to submit. ☎ 4347.

**Let's Wrestle**

Muscular, handsome GWM seeks others turned on by wrestling. Open to all skill levels & fantasies. No heavy rough housing. Just good, clean sweaty fun. Go ahead & ready! You won't be disappointed. ☎ 4415.

**Seeking Black Top Oakland Area**

WA, 40's, HIV-, fit, to suck your cock, service other areas & then a good heavy fuck. I'm clean, stable. Reply, let's talk. ☎ 4416.

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**Are You Masculine, Horny, Hot...**

And love to get fucked? I'm looking for you. I'm early 40's, GWM, 6', 165#, smooth, hung, HIV+ & ready to play your ass. (Beards, hairy, uncum A+) ☎ 4418.

**Ass Plower**

Hungry ass plower needs a tight bubble butt for regular workouts.

Must be able to take my long tool for hours. Be in good shape, 30's, facial hair & mask like myself. ☎ 4419.

**Having A Party?**

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Prefer Sonoma county, other areas considered. ☎ 4420.

**Here Is My Fantasy, I Lay Naked**

You walk in, (door unlocked) you grease my tight, hairy, man's hole & fuck me with your hard dick, GWM preferred. ☎ 4421.

**Ass Massage/Erotic Spanking**

I want to look at, touch, squeeze, massage, tickle, probe, spank & top your butt. Me: attrac, GWM 46, 6'5", 250#, husky build, masculine, hairy chest, stomach. You: attrac, GWM, 18-35, slim, smooth, moderate body hairy & nice buns. ☎ 4422.

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**Pull Down Your Pants**  
Strip naked & order me to worship your tight, trim, body. Masculine, lean, WM, 40, with nice dick seeks younger, masculine guys. ☎ 4424.

**Handsome Masculine Bottom**

40, 6'2", 190#, mustached. Looking for good times with hot tops that want to satisfy my hungry ass. ☎ 4425.

**Northern European Visiting SF**

GWM, 36, 5'9 1/2", 150#, educated, professional. Interests: travel, swimming, food, walking, movies, NS. ISO black/white, 26-45 yrs. Well hung +. Similar interests. NS ND. ☎ 4426.

**S2227**

Your ad expired before I could call. Still interested in a challenge? ☎ 4426.

**Sex Buddy**

Cute African-American guy, 25, 5'6", 155#, seeks guys of all ethnic backgrounds, 22-34 yrs only!! Be goodlooking or cute, single, gay only! Be a top, HIV-, no 1 night stands! ☎ 4447.

**Uncut**

ISO other foreskins for safe feeling, touching, mutual jack off. Be under 50, relatively fit, sane, pleasant-looking. Let's meet, then arrange a time to play. ☎ 4448.

**Seeking Tops Under 30**

You: sexy, horny, under 30, wants oral service and/or loves to fuck. Me: 35 yo, 5'10", grb/grb, 160#, 32" waist, br/b. Clients repeat. Get (returnable) photo/resume. ☎ 4450.

**Foreskin Service**

I'd love to chew, tongue, stretch & dock with your skin. I need it for long periods of time. 6 1/2"-8"

semi-hard A+. ☎ 4451.

**Need A Fist?**

Muscular, masculine, safe FF top, 6', 215#, mustache, tattoos, looking for muscular, confident FF bottom for long probing sensual sessions. NS/ND. ☎ 4452.

**Hot Toilet Action**

Explore hot, safe, toilet scenes with masculine, attractive, in shape guy. You are younger, trim, hung & creative. Reply box. ☎ 4453.

**FETISHES**

**Academy Training Center**

GWM, 40yo, ISO former inmates & enthusiasts, into ATC Videos, uniform/bondage/kidnap scenes, exchange fantasies. ☎ 4237.

**Truly Huge Cocks For Sucking**

Bought by big fat white guy, 7"-needed; 10"+ long required. Gag me! Please be height/weight proportioned and a horny top. ☎ 4238.

**Wrestling/Boxing/Fighting**

Strong, tough, and mean! Very hairy skin head, 5'8", 160#, challenges punks, cowboys, bikers, all comers to strip down, climb into the ring, fight. Hairy muscled bod, tattoos real pluses. ☎ 4239.

**Scat and Water Sports**

Average young looking 59, GWM. Seeking handsome guy between 22 and 45 for scat, w/s, whatever, br/bl, HIV-. Bill. ☎ 4240.

**SF Top Fist Available**

For you pleasure Talented fingers fist arm. Have sling full beard fury chest 7x6 cut. You: clean, hungry, eager butt for long daytime sessions. HIV+ OK. Clinton. ☎ 4241.

**Scat Top For You**

Gdkng 31 yo top seeks pig bottom who are hungry & thirsty enough to take care of all the bodily functions (and more) of a sexually demanding hunk w/great bod. ☎ 4265.

**Man W/Toe Ring Sks Foot Partner**

Lifelong excitement looking at fantasizing about men's barefoot, masculine, goodlooking East Bay GWM, 5'9", 140#, tan, moderately hairy, HIV-, loves reciprocal kissing, licking, massaging barefoot, safe i/o, further friendship possible. ☎ 4348.

**OTHER**

**VIP Hostess Of Colossus Timm X**

I've searched all year for you. No one will help find you. I miss you. Please find me by New Year's. My older brother you are. I'm Baaabab to you. ☎ 4354.

**Country Dads Seeks Obedient Son**

18-40, affectionate, slender, masculine, HIV-, no smoking, drinking, drugs. Willing to please. Learn sensual massage and all things erotic. Limits respected. Room & board for part time gardening work. Remote area. ☎ 4355.

**A Demanding Bachelor Man...**

Older bachelor gentleman seeks to please a married man. Very respectable, though devious & sensual. ☎ 4454.

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# Joan's koans

Didion's new existential thriller, 'The Last Thing He Wanted'

by Erin Blackwell

My mother says she recently hesitated at a bookstore between the latest LeCarre and the latest Didion. Hearing these two writers mentioned in the same breath took my breath away. Stretching a point, they can both be said to write political thrillers but how can an accomplished writer of genre fiction be compared to a 20th-century American Zen prose master? *Caveat Emptor*. Anyone expecting Didion to deliver in *The Last Thing He Wanted* a reassuringly rational tale of suspense will regret not having, like my mother, opted for the LeCarre.

Didion's basic storyline is simple, although the characters' motivations may be difficult — or just too painful — to understand. The Narrator is a woman journalist on the trail of an "incident," the victim of which just happens to be another woman journalist, named Elena McMahon. Walking away from covering the 1984 presidential campaign, McMahon pays a flying visit to her father in Florida, who just happens to be preparing a shipment of fragmentation mines for the Contras:

Some of these mines were antitank and antipersonnel. There were the forty-seven-inch L-9 antitanks made by British Aerospace and there were the thirteen-inch PT-MI-BA III antitanks made by the Czechs. There were the POMZ-2 antipersonnels and there were the Chinese Type 72A antipersonnels

strings together sentences of words whose primary function is to obscure the truth. Her reiteration of catalogue numbers, with their deadpan descriptives of things too horrible to mention, is therefore not to be confused with an attempt at realism. Didion isn't describing cargo; she's reiterating the commercially identifiable aspects of merchandise that we as consumers might or might not want to contemplate.

This postmodernist device, the literary equivalent of Duchamp's "found object," introduces a concrete, almost leaden materialism to her otherwise limpid prose. As a journalist, Didion's use of the jargon du jour is above and beyond the call of verifiability. Putting a spin on the macho mythos of objectification, this lady author intones the hallowed vocabulary of murder and mayhem in the manner of a koan, magically emptying those empty formulas of their emptiness.

Elena McMahon replaces her ailing father as the arms courier on the "L-100 that left Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport at one-thirty on the morning of June 26" — a woman in a man's world, a babe in the woods, a survivor amongst predators. Due to a loss of will, she stays in Costa Rica long after you or I or any sensible reader would have left — for no apparent reason, for no reason anyone who has never suffered a loss of will, will understand. She is rewarded — for her unwillingness to save herself — with the starring role in a collateral tragedy cooked up by U.S. op-

serving spin put on an already outre situation by entrepreneurial spies. This is not the literature of empowerment. This is Kafka country, at the other end of the century and stripped of its Old World charm. The bureaucrats run amok here are mercenary cowboys who speak a degraded and degrading officialese. As the investigative Narrator reports:

I asked Mark Berquist this.

One shot, best question. Mark Berquist's answer was this: "I can see you've bought hook, line and sinker into one of those sick conspiracy fantasies that, let me assure you, have been thoroughly and totally discredited and really, I mean time and time again. And again, calling this kind of smear job sick is putting the best face on it."

The prose is precise and the plot simple, but the narrative thread of *The Last Thing* is remarkably zig-zag. In homage to the bizarre nature of intelligence gathering, investigative reporting, or even epic poetry, Didion places past, present and future side-by-side on the page. This allows the dead Anti-heroine, the living Narrator and the unborn specter of the Author — all three journalists — to coexist as equals, telescoping into one another until

mortal place, the Narrator-cum-Greek Chorus can assert:

In fact I know why Elena McMahon was still on the island. Elena McMahon was still on the island because of what

ed among the collateral damage done by the United States' clandestine collusion with the Contras. Beyond politics, the qualifiable effect on Didion's prose is cognitive, linguistic, poetic. The very structure and rhythm of her phrases — the deadpan repetition of euphemisms that evacuate all feeling sense from the language — register a psychic disintegration that is analogous but not limited to political corruption. The root problem, as in Kafka, is existential.

In one of the book's more elliptical passages, Didion demonstrates her resigned intolerance for the strata of lies that constitute social personae. In a culture as corrupt as our own, deception of self and others is the norm; only the authentic can accuse themselves of inauthenticity. Recalling an event years earlier, the Narrator pieces together the puzzle of Elena's crisis of faith:

What she said next that Academy Award night was something I interpreted at the time to mean only that she was tired of the event's structural festivity, that she had been dressed up in rhinestones in broad daylight since four in the afternoon and sitting at this table since five and now she wanted to go home.

I was wrong about what she said next.

As I would be wrong later to wonder how she could so readily assimilate the logic of walking into a life not her own and living it.

What she said next that Academy Award night was: "I can't fake this anymore."

Suggesting that she had assimilated that logic a long time before.

On another level, the complexity or confusion of Didion's text is the literary equivalent of the "smoke and mirrors" with which U.S. involvement in Nicaragua was continuously reported, surmised and denied — in and out of the media. But her stylistic choices do not reduce to a metaphor for imperialism as usual.

Sometime in 1984, perhaps, for some people in this country, the level of government discourse became unbearably disjoint from reality. An irreparable loss of meaning could perhaps be count-

ered by LeCarre. ▼

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and there were the Italian Valmara 69 antipersonnels.

Didion has always been a collector of buzz words, exploiting their potential to express the mindset of an era, as if they were briefly fashionable styles of furniture. Something of a semiologist — an expert in cultural sign systems — she rarely uses language the way a "normal" writer would. Instead of words that mean something or could be heartfelt, she

eratives.

No one who read a newspaper during the 1980s will find Didion's little scenario at all far-fetched. Readers may, however, feel uneasy, even queasy, about identifying with a character occupying such a fatalistic, masochistic, or just plain disintegrating subject position. Didion herself seems to watch, unmoved and unmoving, as her fictional alter-ego walks into the trap of somebody else's "novel" — the self-

their identities conflate.

While this dance of the veils of omniscience may annoy readers who prefer their first and third persons hermetically separate, the women's collaboration through space-time on and off the page accounts for the novel's only breath of transcendence. Somebody cares enough to ask questions after the fact; somebody else cares enough to organize the material into a patchwork of sense. Much to late to make a difference on this

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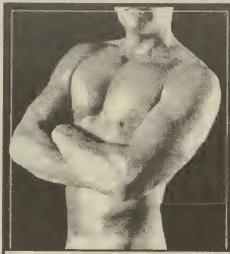
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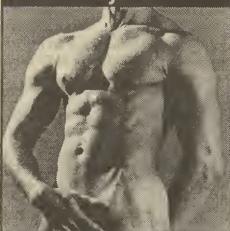


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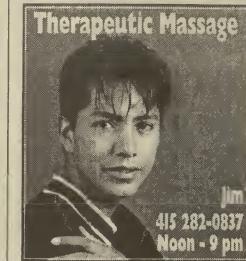
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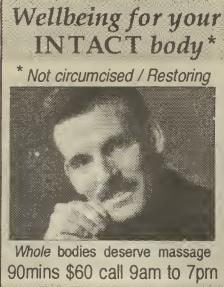


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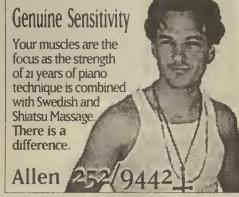
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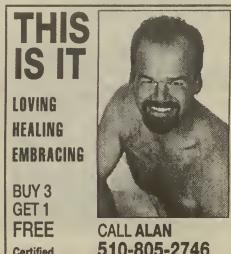
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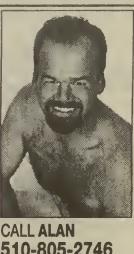
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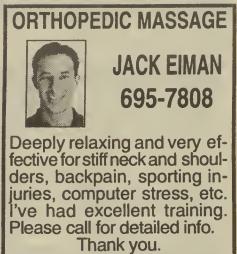
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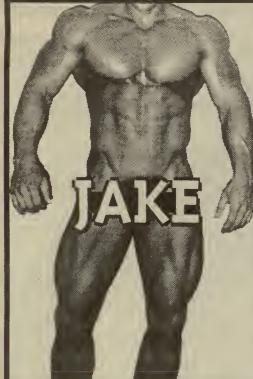
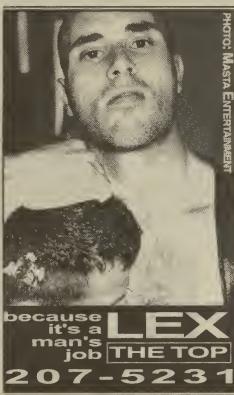
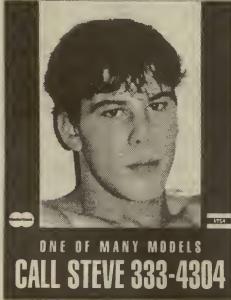
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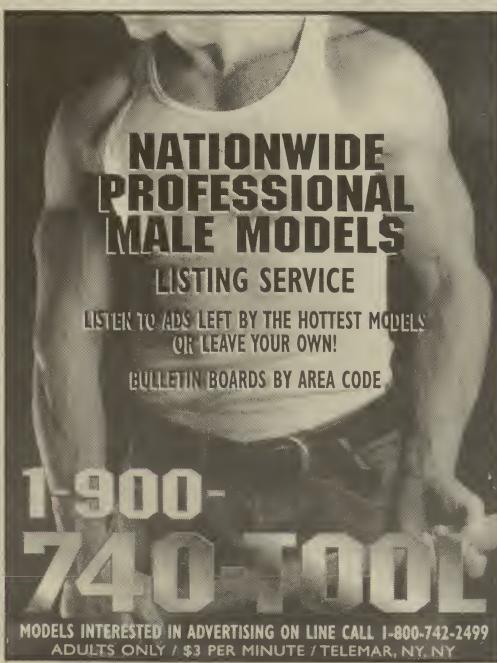


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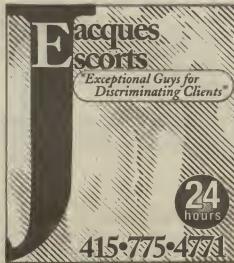
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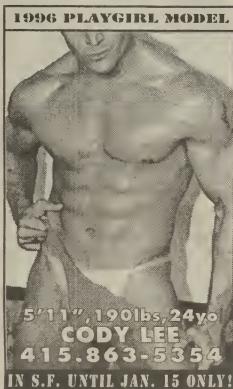
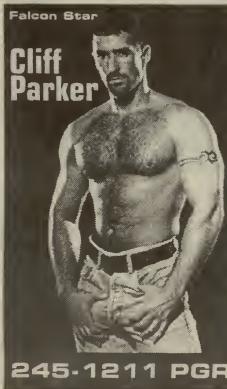
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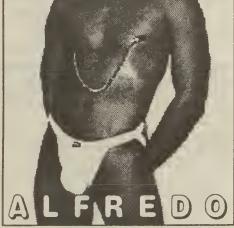
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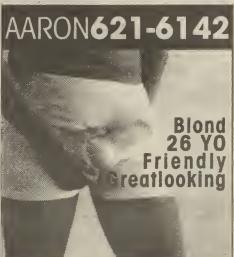
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